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### curfew regulations pass for kids 14 and under

ALBANY — After a curfew ordinance intro-d last August met with vigorous opposition, the Council Monday night came back with an essen-toothless version and passed it.

But, after six months of trying to mollify protest-the council seemed to have gone sour on the

On Aug. 7 the measure passed first reading on a to 64 to 1, Councilmember Mike Brodsky dissent-and this week Councilmember Robert Good cast econd no vote.

initiated by Police Chief Larry Murdo to assure the saw will "stand constitutional muster today," aborted curfew ordinance regulated behavior of sors, i.e., people under 18, on Albany streets from p.m. to daylight weekdays and 11 p.m. to daylight

he curfew passed this week applies to people

under 14 out without good reason Sunday through Thursday between 11 p.m. and 5 a.m. and midnight to 5 a.m. Friday and Saturday.

"It now applies to children only," Murdo said.

"The purpose is to protect them from becoming victims of crime."

Murdo, who met with PTAs, spoke to school assemblies and teen groups about the need for the curfew law, said he'd gotten a "sense of what the community

Though he would prefer a stronger law, the police force will work with the milder version, he said.

Speakers during the public hearing were not con-

"I am adamantly opposed to any curfew in Albany and in the United States," Sue Taylor, a leader of the Albany Teen Task Force, told the council.

"The rationale for this law is seriously flawed. There is no documentation to support it. There is no crime."

Taylor said she does not believe the community supports the new curfew law, that it is racist and cited incidents to support her views.

Matthew Rinaldi, who strongly opposed last year's version, called the new version a compromise but agreed with Taylor that there's a serious question about the "treatment of African Americans in our

While having little good to say about the revised curfew law, the council had high praise for Police Chief Murdo and appeared to pass the ordinance on his

"I have a deep and abiding faith in the chief of police," Brodsky said.

"His willingness to compromise has reinforced my belief in local government."

But there was no demonstrated problem, he said.

"Present state law already covers people under 18,"

Good proposed setting up a citizens review committee to "interface with police and the newspapers."

"If there were no curfew, I would not be the one to propose it," Councilmember Thelma Rubin said.

I favor turning our energy toward improving child and youth services

The onus is on the council to watchdog the curfew

The ordinance exempts from curfew rules a child who is "upon an errand directed by ... his or her spouse" or one "acting within the scope of his or her employment."

Though questioning the legality of a 13-year-old to be either married or have a job, the council left the wording in the ordinance just in case.

On a separate motion, the council directed Chief Murdo to submit a detailed report with statistics on police activities related to the curfew by June 1.

# EC budget eems to e on track

EL CERRITO — Administra-Services Manager Jim Randali the El Cerrito City Council aday night that the city's over-twenue picture looks good for first six months of the fiscal ar and that most expenditure

and that most expenditure set are pretty much on track for methey would be expected to be its mid-point."
While the City Council often its necessary adjustments and methen to the budget midup, Randall did not recommend as, kandall did not recommend pathis time. The state's fiscal is, with its resulting revenue botions for the city, has meant the council has had monthly puts and review on the budget, well as already having to make

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Be said it would not be until bearth, for example, that the ng of the sales tax impact of

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the Target store into our

ly distribution," he said.

did send us an additional

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Sunny weather brought patrons to the new stores at El Cerrito's Del Norte Place development

# ire safety issues top city's March 2 ballot

LCERRITO - Residents have onth to make a decision at services and projects they losee in El Cerrito. On March y'll be voting on those queswith their pocketbooks.

with their pocketbooks. with a measures are schedfor that day's election.

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found be assessed at \$57 per 
for four years (single family 
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me of about \$600,000. Monmetated may be used to retherated may be used to re-two firefighter positions, to

continue the fire hazard reduction program started last year and to start a savings account for a new fire truck

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"We are essentially two below minimum staffing," said City Manager Gary Pokorny. Minimum staffing means the number needed to operate on regular time rather than continually using overtime, he said.

According to Pokorny, the fire department got through the winter without depending too much on overtime. Entering the vacation season, however, Pokorny expects that significant overtime expenditures will be needed during the spring and summer months.

With the money generated by the tax, the city should have money for a new truck in four years, he said. With proper care, he believes the current truck will last until a new one can be purchased.

Revenue bonds to reconstruct the city's storm drain system will amount to \$58 per year for 20 years if Measure J is passed. The condition, location and capacity of the existing system were analyzed by an independent engineering firm in 1991.

Pokorny said that the firm identified and prioritized all the needs of the system, coming up with 60-some projects, totalling about \$13 million. About half the projects the top priority repairs — will be covered by the revenue bonds, he

When the project is completed When the project is completed in two to three years, the need for remaining work will be analyzed, he said, adding that city staff will continue to keep an eye on how the whole system is functioning in order to pinpoint trouble spots.

This reconstruction project cost is estimated at \$6.3 million.

A yes vote on Measure K would

approve general obligation bonds to build a new Hillside Fire Station

# 🕅 gun, bandanna may implicate bank robbery suspect

ding to Detective Sean sulphing to Detective Scan shurley noticed a suspicious barked behind El Cerrito's of the West at about noon last saday, Jan. 27. He investi-and obtained identification person sitting in the car and

the vehicle itself.

About 1-1/2 hours later, a Wells
Fargo Bank was robbed in Hercules. When that city sent out information on the robbery, said Maples, Hurley recognized the description and forwarded his information to the Hercules PD. Subsequently, an

The arrested man, according to Detective Sean Maples, is also suspected in two El Cerrito bank roberies — the Oct. 26 robbery of Coast Savings and the Dec. 16 robbery of Bank of the West — and an

additional robbery in San Pablo.

Maples said it is the robber's M.O. — jumping the bank counter with a bandanna — which has connected the suspect to all four crimes.

Det. Sergeant John Eaves said that information from Hurley led the Hercules police to a Stanton Avenue residence in San Pablo. When they arrived, they found a car which matched the description of the vehicle used in the Hercules robbery, Eaves said.

After a period of surveillance, witnesses from Hercules robbery

were brought to the scene to iden-

tify the car.
"One Hercules resident gave

chase in his own vehicle. He followed him west on I-80 but lost him at Hilltop Drive," Eaves said.

That man, as well as a bank teller, were able to identify the vehicles of the best well as a bank teller, were able to identify the vehicles of the Vehicl

hicle used in the Hercules robbery,

A team of Hercules and San Pablo officers then approached the residence, Eaves said. At about

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# New businesses lined up for Del Norte Place stores

EL CERRITO — It's been a long time coming, but Del Norte Place should soon be the fully-functioning residential/commercial project envisioned by the El Cerrito Redevelopment Agency. A restaurant and a bakery/deli will most likely soon be added to shops already opened in the complex.

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The original idea was to encourage the development of a complex where people could live, shop and go out to eat, one that was also adjacent to public transportation—the Del Norte BART station, as well as AC Transit bus lines—so owning a car might not be a necessity.

sity.

Last fall, the residential units were completed. Apartments reserved for seniors went quickly; others are continuing to be rented to a variety of tenants — from graduate students to commuting professionals. It's taken a little longer for the commercial leases to be negotiated, with the developers looking for just the right combination to make the venture a success. But now several businesses have opened their doors, bringing in both foot traffic and clientele from outside the complex.

Muggs offers something unique to El Cerrito — the traditional coffee shop serving espressos, lattes and other combinations,

along with specialty breads, or the soup of the day. The store represents a unique offering to the whole area, according to Craig Semmelmeyer of TRI Commercial, which handles the retail leasing for the IBEX development company — J.R. Muggs is the only coffee bean store in all of West Contra Costa County.

The store's been open just a few weeks. According to staffer Bill Gardner of El Cerrito, "When the sunny weather finally hit Saturday, we saw lots of people milling around, checking out all the shops." Del Norte Place was a deliberate choice for Julie Rowlett, the "J.R." of J.R. Muggs.

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"I wanted to give J.R. Muggs an updated image," she said. "A new location in El Cerrito gave me an opportunity to do that."

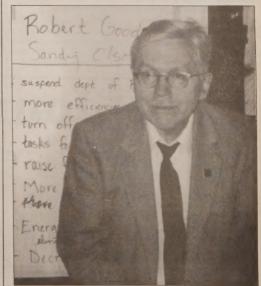
The location next to BART was an added incentive, she said, as was the lack of anything similar in the area.

area.
"I figured there was a gap," Rowlett said. "Everyone who comes in says, 'We had to go 3-1/2 miles to get a good cup of coffee before you

came.""

Dream World is the second floral and gift shop for Philip and Ginger Chang, who own another in Orinda. The El Cerrito shop is the larger of the two. The first restaurant in the complex has opened: Uncle Wong's Restaurant offers Cantonese and Mandarin dining. And a new restau-

See DEL NORTE PLACE, Page 8



# Town Meeting talk

Albany City Councilmember Robert Good discusses points raise by citizens at Saturdays Town Meeting, Inside, Phyllis Lyon (page 2), Clara Rae Genser (page 7) and Mayor Bill Cain (page 5) comment on the event.

### Albany holds the right kind of free-for-all

WHAT IF THEY GAVE a town meeting and nobody came? With the sunniness of the Saturday and lonely Monday nights spent in the seats at City Hall in mind, I grumpily supposed there'd be a huddled mass of citizens, maybe 20 tops, with voices echoing back from the ceiling trusses of the Veterans Building.

Was I wrong. The thinkers and talkers of the town turned out last week in a drove to set the city straight at the town meeting called by the Albany City Council. Chief crowd-estimator Larry Murdo put their number at 120 and counting.

AH, "TOWN MEETING" — don't the very words conjure up a vision of rustic Yankees gathering in small New England villages to speak their individual minds freely — the revered symbol of American democracy in action. Saturday's crowd came to act out the myth, to line up behind the microphone and get stuff off their chests.

So when it unfolded early on that the council had a prepared agenda for the meeting, the crow as a man turned surly. It did not want to reform itself into eight discussion groups, it grumbled.

IT HOOTED AT THE MAYOR for re too tight a ship, for quelling free speech. With a wet finger in the wind, Councilmember Brodsky disavowed the format and jumped ship. The mayor had set the agenda and intended to conduct the meeting, he said. The rest of the council held tongue and breath.

Just when I feared official Albany was about to be set upon and run out onto Pomona, a voice of peace and reason was heard. "Let's give the group format a chance," said a young man wearing a beret. "We can multiply the chance for input by 8."

Well, OK, mumble, mumble, that sounded right, they said. So with cooler heads prevailing, they formed the eight groups to talk each other's hind legs off about what they want for Albany and, the presumed hitch, how they want to pay for it.

Reassembled in plenary session to hear what everybody else had said, the town meeting became a feast of harmony, with turkey, beef and ham sandwiches from Safeway, and the refrain of the old pop song "Why Don't We Do This More

Albany's town meeting Jan. 30 was a progressive step toward solving its budget situation. It was part of what we as Albany citizens must do to find the solution. It's a fraction of what we're capable of, even though we were thorough.

We generated practical steps to take on the physical level. If we are serious and informed, we can also use our internal power to bring the solution. This is where our brightest ideas and most profound breakthroughs will originate.

There are loads of books written about the laws of prosperity. There is a simple recipe to follow. If we want prosperity for the city (or for ourselves we need to follow the time-honored recipe. It's simple. Sometimes it's scary. It works. Together we can do it.

Albany's town meeting Jan. 30 was a progres

Look what we can do-

Letter to the Editor



By Phyllis Lyon

Often?" heard sung in the hall.

ON MONDAY NIGHTS FROM the elevated barcaloungers the word "creative" is often applied to the council's handling of city affairs. Recently in conversation a certain council member who shall be nameless (her first name begins with "T") again referred to "creative" council decisions and went on to contrast them with my suggestions for city betterment, which she characterized as "nutty."

Whether the ideas put forth at the town meeting are "creative" or "nutty" will no doubt come out in the wash. Reduce the police force? Put the firemen to work when they're not at a fire? Raise taxes?

CALL FORTH VOLUNTEERS to provide city services free? Tax each person in town to pay the deficit? Form a Junior Safety Patrol to replace crossing guards? Print the meeting program on both sides? Serve no lunches at town meetings? Don't worry, be happy?

The citizens, as Jimmy Durante used to say, had a million of 'em. Call me nutty but I think the Read My Lips days are really over. I think I heard Saturday's citizens saying they want increased city services, cost be hanged.

ED MCMANUS EXPLODED the myth of the New England town meeting as a free-for-all for me later out in the sunshine. He's been there, he said. A locked-in agenda of topics for discussion is put together once a year by a committee of selectmen and any speaker who deviates from it a whit is thrown out in the snow, according to Ed. thrown out in the snow, according to Ed.

Oh, yes, in the heat of the moment, a cifizen or two also offered ideas on how coverage of Albany life in the weekly newspaper might be expanded, improved and uplifted. How nutty can you get?

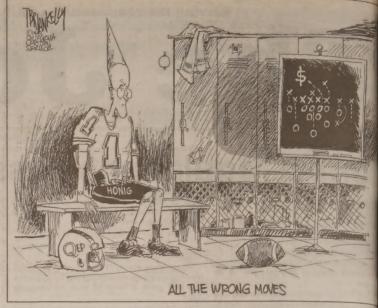
In sports it has become a recognized fact that going within to focus on the desired result, and holding it a certain way produce dramatic results. Though this has been true since the dawn of human kind, it's only in the past 20 years that people have begun to lose their self-consciousness about using

begin to lose their senserousness about using this power openly.

This is a tool we have to harness the power of our minds to create what we want consciously. Shall we let self-consciousness keep us from using the most powerful muscle we have to bring about our prosperium.

If you'd like to use the resources innate to you to

help bring forth money to share and to spare in the city of Albany, I'll hold a class to accomplish this Call my office, 526-7410, and leave your name an



# Police Reports

### Mechanics Bank robbers wield semi-automatic gu

**By Dawn Frasieur** 

EL CERRITO — Mechanics Bank, El Cerrito Plaza, was robbed on the morning of Jan. 13. One suspect asked for change, then displayed a semi-automatic gun and demanded money. Two other suspects stood in the background; all three then fled.

• Atlas Liquors was robbed at 7:43 p.m. on Dec. 30 by three male suspects armed with semi-automatic handguns. The men forced customers and employees to drop to the floor, then emptied the cash registers.

registers.

Someone forced entry into the lobby of a Fairmount Avenue office building during the night of Jan. 19, then attempted to enter various offices. The burglar was unsuccessful in attempts to pry open door locks to two doctors' offices, a dentist's office and a chiropractic office.

The thief did gain entry into an

A San Pablo business' storage shed was burglarized during the night of Jan. 23.

Someone took a candy vending machine from the Video Galaxy on Jan. 20.

axy on Jan. 20.

• A Richmond man reported that he had been kicked and hit by two unknown suspects at about 2:55 a.m. on Jan. 20. The incident occurred at San Pablo and Madison

Avenues.

A Castro Valley man reported that two men brandished a gun at him after an argument in a parking lot at San Pablo Avenue and Wall Street at about 12:21 a.m. on Jan.

A Richmond man was arrested

• A Richmond man was arrested after he attempted to flee on foot after a traffic stop. The incident occurred on the morning of Jan. 15.
• An El Cerrito man was arrested at Knott Avenue at Key Boulevard after a high-speed chase. The man was evidently attempting to evade arrest for possession of a controlled substance for sale, possession of burglary tools, and possession of items without serial numbers. The chase took place between bers. The chase took place between 6:16 and 6:21 a.m. on Jan. 26.

· At the Jack in the Box restau-At the Jack in the Box restaurant at Cutting Boulevard Jan. 22, two men broke the fluourescent tubes on the drive-thru sign after they were told they could not be served at the drive-thru window without a car.

• Someone shattered a window • Someone shattered a window to gain entry into a residence in the 6900 block of Portola Drive be-tween Jan. 12 and 21. Cash and electronics were reported stolen. An attempt was made to enter a

residence by prying open the door in the 1200 block of Richmond Street at about 3:48 a.m. on Jan. 23. Someone stole an antique cast iron stove from a patio in the 2000 block of Key Boulevard on Jan. 22. Mail was taken from an apartment complex mail box in the 900 block of Lexington Jan. 20

 A 1990 Ford Aero-Star Van was stolen during the night of Jan.
19 but was later recovered, as was
a 1985 Mazda GLC stolen from the 6600 block of Cutting Boule

the 6600 block of Cutting Boule-vard during the night of Jan. 22.
Also reported stolen were a
1981 Mazda RXZ from Liberty
Street on Jan. 22 and a 1990 Ford
Mustang from the 6600 block of
Portola Drive on Jan. 25 or 26.
Attempted motor vehicle thefts
were reported on Liberty Street
(Jan. 22 to 24) and Rosalind (Jan.
22 to 23)

(Jan. 22 to 24) and Rosalind (Jan. 22 to 23).

At about 1:34 a.m. on Dec. 25, a resident of the 1100 block of Arlington Boulevard saw two suspects break the glass of his car window; they ran when he encountered them.

Property thefts from vehicles were reported on the 5500 block of Macdonald Avenue Jan. 22/23 (a phone, binoculars and other items), the 2400 block of Mira Vista Jan. 22/23 (miscellaneous items), the 7600 block of Terrace Drive Jan. 24/25 (a flashlight from one vehicle, sunglasses from anone vehicle, sunglasses from another), the 5800 block of Ray Avother), the 3800 block of Kay Avenue Jan. 22/23 (miscellaneous items), the 5500 block of Ludwig Avenue Jan. 22/23 (loose change), the 1400 block of Norvel Street Jan. 25/26 (an in-dash stereo and a coat), the 10000 block of San Pable

reo), the 1700 block of West 23/25 (miscellaneous 1 the 800 block of Evere

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mond Street on Dec. 31 and the block of Yosemite during the

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On Jan. 24, someone used

night of Jan. 25.

Shoplifting arrests we ported at the Emporium (sew rests: residents of Richmond Cerrito and Berkeley), the Bowl (four arrests: residents bany, Pinole, Richmond and City), Long's (an Oakland mad Lucky, El Cerrito Plaza (almond juvenile).

In addition, a Richmond was arrested for attempting to the Emporium an item white

• There were nine abando marked and one arrest for under the influence.

### Vandals employ marking pens to deface vehicle

### By Dawn Frasieur

EL CERRITO — A vandal used a red marking pen to mark an Albany PD patrol car Jan. 26 while it was parked just outside the north door of the police station.

A van parked in the 1200 block of Brighton was marked with a black felt pen Jan. 25, while the Solano Arts Gallery was marked with three-foot-high letters during the night of Jan. 28. A red crayon or lipstick was used.

Missing-in-Action flag were stolen from the Memorial Building during the night of Jan. 29. The flag line appeared to be cut.

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• A woman reported the theft of jewelry from her home on Jan. 27; temporary nursing help is suspect.

• Someone took 75 CDs from a residence when the owner of the home was in the garage or the rear of the home between 5:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Jan. 28. The resident of the 400 block of Evelyn had evi-

dently left the front door open

• A resident of the 1400 block of Posen said Jan. 29 that someone had taken a Nintendo cartridge and a blender from his home.

Bicycles were stolen from residences in the 500 block of Pierce Street, the 900 block of Stannage and the 1000 block of Peralta. In the first instance, a garage lock was cut during the night of Jan. 24. In the second, someone took the bike from the back yard on the morning of Jan. 25, replacing it with an older bike.

In the third instance, bicycles were taken from the garage between Jan. 24 and 27. The thief approached the garage from the rear vard.

rear yard.
Two 18-speed mountain bikes were also stolen. On the afternoon of Jan. 27, a bike was stolen from a rack at Albany High School. The next day, a bike was taken from in front of the YMCA. It had been bolted to a stop sign.

• A 1985 Toyota Camry was

taken from the 700 block of during the night of Jan. 26 located in Oakland the nexh had not been stripped or burn

A 190 Buick was taken fi 800 block of Washington 29, but the responding offi cated it nearby.

Two stolen cars were disc

on Eastshore. One was report
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# Information a prime world trade commodity

The chairman emeritus of Citicorp and Citibank says the Clinton administration will have to deal with a new world economic structure unlike any faced by previous Democratic administrations. Walter B.

Wriston told an audience at the Independent Institute in San Fran-cisco last week that the world is moving away from an industrial age and into an information age.

New computer technologies mean "national borders cease to be boundaries," Wriston said.

But those same technologies mean that individuals in one coun-try can easily see freedoms avail-able in other countries.

He noted that satellites make it possible for currency traders and national leaders to see the same information at the same time.

In addition, he said governments have "totally lost control of what people see and hear."

Because international monetary markets are now completely com-puterized, individual governments have less control of the value of their currency, Wriston said.

The gold standard has been re-placed by an "information stan-dard," he said, adding that even the concept of international trade has begun to seem obsolete.

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Wriston added that items such as computer chips and dresses often undergo manufacturing processes in many countries making it hard to determine where they were

Although the world economic changes are substantial, Wriston said he was optimistic the United States would deal with them well.

"Americans handle change bet-ter than most people," he said.

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n students took part in hands-on science demonstrations

### career women talk on science careers

Two hundred twenty-five sev-h and 12th grade Richmond iffed School District girls took t in the recent "Choices for mororow's Women" math/sci-

kshops and panel discus-ere designed to explore ca-ions in math- and science-

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orty-five professional Bay Area
ten related their experiences
opportunities in technological
scientific fields available to women who prepare for them king classes in math and sci-

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heart and lungs work together.Using chemistry and biology they identify the effects of chemicals in human and animal life.

• Renee Sung, plant biologist, UC-Berkeley, showed "How to make a million plants from a single leaf." The students took home their own experiments to watch them

leaf." The students took home their own experiments to watch them turn into baby plants.

• Michelle Morris, Metropolitan Transportation civil engineer, and Laura Demsetz, UC-Berkeley civil engineering professor, demonstrated how women can design and build "Cities of Tomorrow."

• Deborah Barnes, professor of

Deborah Barnes, professor of anatomy at Contra Costa College,

had a hands-on demonstration us-ing male and female cadavers. Gloves, dissection tools and gowns

Gloves, dissection tools and gowns were supplied.

Jo Ann Trejo, keynote speaker, molecular biologist, UCSF, challenged the young women with her own story "From Poverty to Professional Why You Should Choose to be Successful."

Organized by the American Association of University Women Richmond-El Cerrito branch, the event was supported by community sponsors: Chevron Research Corporation, Mechanics Bank, Contra Costa College, and Richmond Unified School District.

### Make your own Valentine at the library

El Cerrito Library will sponsor a special Valentine program for children grades K-6 on Tuesday, Feb. 9 at 3:30 p.m.

Make a simple valentine for ome one you love.

Materials will be provided by

El Cerrito Library, a Branch of the Contra Costa County Library System, is located at 6510 Stockton

ve.

Hours are Monday and Thursday

on m: Tuesday and from noon to 8 p.m.; Tuesday and Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; and Friday and Saturday from 1

# Palmini and Clemons preview new show before AHS audience

ALBANY — To a chorus of screams more often heard at a Michael Jackson gig, a rocking duo of Albany cops turned on an audience of Albany High students last week in a try-out of their new song, "Chief Operator," launching a two-year tour of high schools throughout the Bay Area.

Detective Sergeant Bill "Elvis" Palmini, resplendent in a brand new black and gold jump suit, wearing the shades and chains of the king, and guitarist turned rapper Sgt. Art "The Lawman" Clemons were backed up by the Buckle Up Dancers, an ad hoc quartet of Albany High girls, at the student assembly.

Calling themselves "Elvis and the Lawman," Palmini and Clemons use the Presley image and style tosugar-coat a safety-message pill designed to promote buckling up and to halt drunk driving among teenagers.

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Before "Elvis" Palmini made his grand entrance down the Little Theater aisle escorted by four Albany teens, student Matt Siebert said the phenomenon of a rapping cop would probably "get a laugh." "This has a bigger impact on youth than past safety messages," said student Matthew Ferguson, comparing the music program to an average stand up and talk lecture.

Siebert and Ferguson, however, regard drinking and driving as a "small problem" at Albany High. Relatively few students drink alcohol and, because the driver training program was discontinued a few years ago, not many drive, they said.

The Chief Operator Project, funded by a \$503,427 grant from the state Office of Traffic Safety, adapts the successful adult "designated driver" idea to teenage drivers. Palmini and Clemons will ask students at assemblies in 155 Bay Area high schools to take the pledge as a "Chief Operator."

A CO teen-driver "safely drives a carload of happy teens, insures that all teens are buckled up, obeys all speed and traffic laws and never drinks and drives,"



Elvis' Palmini on stage at Albany High

according to the project prospectus. CO's will carry, the pledge card next to their drivers license.

In addition to the blast of the Clemons' original songs "Buckle Up," "Don't Be Another DUI" and the new "Chief Operator," the school assemblies include a safety quiz with free coupons from program sponsor Taco Bell awarded for right answers.

Students from all the high schools will be invited to write their own tunes with a safety message. The top five original songs will be featured on an audio cassetter album with Elvis and the Lawman and composers of the top winning song will appear with the stars in a

album with Elvis and the Lawman and composers or, the top winning song will appear with the stars in a special video.

Clemons and the hip-swiveling Palmini manage to put on an exciting show without overshadowing the serious message they've come to deliver. And if the clapping and stomping at Albany High are any indication, Elvis and the Lawman are destined to have a highly successful mu.

### CCCT afternoon, vacation classes slated

EL CERRITO — The Contra
Costa Civic Theatre is now holding
registration for its winter and spring
drama classes for young people and

adults.

"Pocket Theater" introduces play production for children ages 7 through 14.

The classes meet on Mondays

The classes meet on Mondays and culminate in the production of one-act plays. The instructors are Elaine Walenta and Andy Brown. "Improvisation" class for ages 10 through 18 will be held on Sat-

"Musical Theater Workshop" meets Wednesday afternoons and introduces the student (age 10 through adult) to the fun of per-

through adult) to the fun of per-forming in a musical.

Audition techniques are intro-duced by the instructors Judy
Whiting and Kathleen Ray.

Whiting is also the instructor
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teach 6 through 10 years old chil-

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### El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce

Dorothy Jacocks earns special Chamber award

By Del Wisenor

The annual installation dinner was a fine event with Marge Collins serving as emcee and installing officer for the evening. A delicious steak dinner was A delicious steak dinner was preceded by cocktails and hors d'oeuvres.

The festivities were high

The festivities were high-lighted with the presentation of a certificate of appreciation to Dorothy Jacocks, co-owner of Bear Vending, 24-year member and 21-year board member. The award was for her contin-ued support and "faithful service" to the El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce, and was presented by Michael Klinger, who was installed as president for his second term. second term.

### New businesses

Things are brewing, literally, in the Del Norte Place with the opening of several new businesses. J.R. Muggs, 11740 San Pablo Ave., 237-8485, the first to join the Chamber.

join the Chamber.

J.R. Muggs features coffee using freshly roasted beans, a full espresso bar, fresh pastries and some grand opening specials.

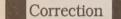
Julie has shops in Walnut Creek and Larkspur Landing.

Henry Lincoln is the regional vice president of Primerica

vice president of Frimerica Financial Services located at 10285 San Pablo Ave., 526-4081, featuring home mortgages and insurance services. The Chamber welcomes Henry and Julie.

### Mixer coming up

Drs. Carol and Joe Ball will host a combined mixer and 10th anniversary celebration at Ball Chiropractic Center, 5:30 to 7 p.m., 10164 San Pablo Ave., 525 8611. RSVP is not required, but



Due to a typesetting error in the Jan. 21 Journal, the Freeway Motel was erroneously referred to as the Greenway Motel.

The Journal apologizes for the

helpful in planning the event.

### Good lighting essential

It has come to our attention that many businesses do not have full illumination of entrances and exits during business and after

The whole exterior of the front The whole exterior of the front of the store location should be properly lighted for the safety of customers and workers.

It is also suggested that if possible all should be equipped with an alarm system for protection and softy.

tion and safety

### Redevelopment policy

To bring members up to date on the stand of the executive board to support the amended plan proposed by the Redevelop-ment Agency, we are printing this

The Amended Plan is being considered for adoption pursuant to the California Community Redevelopment Law (Health and Safety Code Section 33000 et

Safety Code Section 33000 et seq.).

"The plan will extend the time to establish loans, advances or indebtedness incurred by the Agency, increase the limit on tax increment revenue that may be claimed by the Agency, increase the amount of bonded indebtedness available to the Agency, extend the period of authorization for the Agency's acquisition of property by eminent domain for 12 years beyond the date of adoption of the Amended Plan, and to modify the land use section of the Redevelopment Plan to be in conformance with the City of El Cerrito General Plan and Zoning Ordinance.

The purpose of these revisions

The purpose of these revisions is to provide the Agency with the financial resources to continue the program of activities set forth in the initial Redevelopment

The opinion of the Agency is not to destroy but to improve the climate of the small business

community.

Small business led us out of the last recession by creating three-quarters of all job growth. Small businesses will lead us or of this recession too.

### **Bridging the Literacy Gap**

Center for Workforce Preparation and Quality Education
A new crisis is emerging within the education reform debate — one that must be addressed if America is to be competitive in the 21st century. icademic skills needed to function on the job.

These individuals, deemed

These individuals, deemed functionally illiterate by their employers, or society in general, account for an annual productivity loss of up to \$300 billion. Without efforts to enhance their skills, America's competitive and economic edge in a global market place will continue to be thwarted.

In December 1992, the Center released "Bridging the Literacy Gap," a publication focusing on the literacy needs of current

The purpose of this booklet is to provide Chamber executives and business programs in the community or within the work-

place.
This publication has been made possible through contributions from the Scripps Howard Foundation and Levi Strauss and Co., and is available for an introductory price of only \$5. Michelle Griffin may be contacted at (202) 463-5525 to order this timely sublication. this timely publicatio

# National Ed Goals May be Unattainable by 2000

Ernest Boyer, president of the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching, has stated that the U.S. is far from achieving the national education goals by the year 2000 as set by former President Bush. Boyer, sitting on a panel that has helped develop the goals, said the U.S. "remains far behind in combating illiteracy, conquering school violence and putting the schools at the top in math and science."

Boyer believes that priority

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New members Jan and Steve Sadler of Norge Cleaners, 450 San Pablo Ave., Albany, member of the El Cerrito Chamber board of directors Lary Sanchez of Marvin Collins of the Company, 5635 San Diego St., El Cerrito, at the holiday luncheon held at the El Collins Chasonic Lodge No. 686.

must be given to the implementa-tion of programs that will get the job done, according to the Times-Picayune, New Orleans, and cited Head Start as an example. Congress started the federal preschool program 25 years ago

preschool program 25 years ago, but today, two-thirds of the eligible children are not being

He calls this a "national disgrace," according to the

newspaper.

Boyer also said the U.S. most recognize that the family may be "a more imperiled institution" than the school and that many failures in education "relate to problems that precede schooling, even birth itself."

Boyer, who has served at U.S. Commissioner of Education, said the solution lies in a national network of "Ready-to-

learn" clinics, which would "ensure access to basic health for mothers and preschool chil

He also is optimistic about President Bill Clinton and ho he will make the difference.

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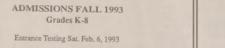
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nyn and Del Callahan — together since meeting in North Dakota in 1924

# couple reaffirms vows for 60th

belbert (Del) and Kathryn hahan, longtime El Cerrito dents, celebrated their 60th

idents, celebrated their outh adding anniversary Jan. 9. The couple repeated their ddding vows at the 5 o'clock ass at St. Jerome Catholic much, El Cerrito, with Father ald Osuna, pastor, offici-

hose attending were their s, Larry and his wife, ilyn, from Richardson, as, and Wade, his wife, tha, and their son, Michael,

Also present were Mrs. Callahan's sister and Maid of Honor Marian Tuttle, and her husband Glenn from Minneapolis, Minn., as well as the Callahans' closest friend, Joyce McDonald, from El Cerrito.

friend, Joyce McDonald, from El Cerrito.

It was a triple celebration because it signified 50 years as residents of the El Cerrito area and 50 years as members of St. Jerome Catholic Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Callahan are both natives of North Dakota.

Mr. Callahan was raised in Mohall and Mrs. Callahan in Tolley.

They met in 1924 and their friendship culminated in their marriage on Jan. 12, 1933, at St. Agnes Catholic Church in

Agnes Catholic Church in Kenmare, N.D. Mr. Callahan was transferred to this area from Billings, Mont., in 1943 by International Har-vester Company (now Navistar International).

He retired from International Harvester Company in 1973 after completing almost 45 years of service with the company and 30 years as district credit and collection manager.

# uses link Marin, Contra Costa counties

Metropolitan Transportation mission has approved funds bus service linking Marin ty to the East Bay beginning

hich.

olden Gate Bridge, Highway Innsportation District Board dentlames Harberson says the mission approved funds last thoranew route starting March will connect Golden Gate sabuses to the East Bay and to T. AC Transit and Amtrak.

are pleased that Golden ansit will be providing this raited link in Bay area tran-ns," Harberson says. "Now,

anyone traveling between Marin County and the East Bay will have many more options."

The new Route 40 service will begin at Smith Ranch Road in Lucas Valley stopping at the Marin Civic Center, San Rafael, San Quentin, Richmond, Richmond BART Station and ending at the El Cerrito Del Norte BART Station.

The service will operate seven

Del Norte BART Station.

The service will operate seven days per week. Weekday service will operate between 5:15 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Weekend and holiday service will operate between 7 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

Fares vary depending on the Golden Gate Transit bus zones in

which passengers travel. Senior and disabled passengers receive a 50 percent discount and children under 12 receive a 25 percent discount off the adult fare.

count off the adult fare.

Passengers traveling between central Marin and the East Bay can receive 25 percent off the adult fare by purchasing a \$30 book of 20 tickets valid for three to six months. Ticket books are available in Marin County at the San Rafael Transportation Center at 950 Tamalnais County at the San Ranaer I ranspor-tation Center at 950 Tamalpais Drive, the Golden Gate Transit Administration Building at 1011 Anderson Drive, the Golden Gate Ferry Terminal in Larkspur and the Golden Gate Bridge Toll Plaza.

### El Cerrito Newsline

### Adopting a park is a great group, individual project

By Eileen Duffy

On Jan. 19 the El Cerrito City Council formally created the Adopt-A-Park-Program. This program has been working on an unofficial basis for years. We recognize the very valuable and substantial contribution of the El Cerrito Garden Club for their efforts to make our community more beautiful.

### Program expanded

The Adopt-A-Park
Program now is citywide. It is a fun, worthwhile and creative program designed to improve and foster pride in
El Cerrito's parks and
public areas through
community involvement.



ment.
The goal of the Adopt-A-Park Program is to have many of El Cerrito's parks and public areas "adopted" by as wide a range of community organizations and individuals as possible.

individuals as possible.

Adopting a public area can take many forms, including establishing a presence in a park to be on the look-out for vandalism and maintenance problems and reporting these to the city; providing maintenance assistance in the form of general clean-up, picking up litter, painting, planting and weeding; providing direct monetary assistance for facility enhancement and providing input on the city on park use.

The City will erect a sign in the park or area adopted bearing the name (and logo, if feasible) of the adopting group or individual.

In addition, the city will send out news releases announcing the adoption of the park and will keep the public informed of the adopting group's activities in the park public informed of the adopting 5.
the park.
All public areas are eligible for adoption. Here are just a few examples:
Creekside Park: graffiti clean-up.
Castro Park: children's play area
Tassajara Park: tennis court maintenance
Asbbury Fire Station site: grounds maintenance

### El Cerrito-Albany Kiwanis Club

Have you noticed how nice the pocket park and island at the corner of Blake and Elm are these days? This very busy intersection is kept looking neat and beautiful by the members of the El Cerrito-Albany Kiwanis Club. They adopted the park and islands last October, and they are doing a great job. The City Council and city staff appreciate their valuable contribution. Thank you!

### For more information

Join our community's great volunteer force by adopting a park or public area. Take an active role in making our city even more beautiful. For more information about the Adopt-A-Park Program, call Eileen Duffy, El Cerritos Volunteer Coordinator, at 215-

### Town meeting report transcripts available soon

By Bill Cain

A Town Hall meeting was held Saturday, Jan. 30, at the Veterans Memorial Building.

The purpose of the meeting was to solicit input from citizens on their concerns regarding the city's fiscal situation, the provision of city services and

fiscal situation, the provisio City Council goals for the coming fiscal year.

This was an initial step in the city's budget development process designed to gather ideas and thoughts from the citizenry to aid the city council in developing priorities and guidelines for development of the Fiscal Year 1993/94 budget.

The city's fiscal year run

The city's fiscal year runs from July 1 through

\* 500

Over 100 Albany citizens attended the Town Hall ecting which lasted from 9 a.m. to approximately 1

p.m.

During a portion of the meeting those citizens in attendance were asked to breakdown into small groups

of 10 to 12 to discuss and comment on the following

of 10 to 12 to discuss and comments of the three issues?

— Given the city's financial situation, would you raise taxes, cut services, or do a combination of both?

— Is there something the City of Albany is not doing that you believe it should be doing in regard to the type or level of service it provides?

— Review the 1992-93 City Council goals, those goals being:

• Enhance the city's economic base
• Improve the city's facilities and infrastructure
• Provide efficient, cost-effective city government

ment

Improve the level and quality of communication between the public and the city

Define significant role for Albany in regional government while maintaining local control

Act regionally and locally to protect Albany's natural environment.

natural environment.

A representative of each small group then reported back to the entire audience about the input of their respective small group.

A transcript of these group reports is in the process of being made and copies will be available to the

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### Goings on About Town

Performances
"Ibsen Women" is a one-woman review by Norwegian actress Juni Dahr. Her performances, sponsored by the Royal Norwegian Consulate General, Berkeley Rep, and UCB department of dramatic art, will take place at Durham Studio Theatre at UC-Berkeley through Feb. 5 at 8 p.m. Call 845-4700 for tickets.

Theater of the Blue Rose performs Chekhov's "The Sea Guil" Feb. 5-6, 12-13 at 8 p.m. Feb. 14 performance at 3 p.m. \$5; no reservations, 2525 Eighth St., Berkeley, 540-5037.

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540-5037.
"You Can't Take it With You" is at Contra Costa Civic Theatre Fridays and Saturdays through Feb. 27; matinees Feb. 7, 14 and 21. 524-9192.
Actors Ensemble of Berkeley's production of the humorous drama "Uncommon Women and Others" continues at 8 pm. Fridays and Saturdays through Feb. 20; special performance Thursday, Feb. 81. Livo Qak Theatre, 1301 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 528-5620.
Ashkenazhosts tonight, Feb, 4: Queen Ekanem, 9 pm., \$5; Feb. 5: California Cajun Orchestra, 9:30 p.m., \$8; Feb. 6: O.J.Ekemode, 9:30 p.m., \$8; Feb. 7: Reggae Angels, 9 p.m., \$5; Feb. 5: Balkon Gik dance party, 9:30 p.m., \$6; Feb. 11: Motor Dude Zydeco, 9 p.m., \$6; Feb. 11: Motor Dude Zy

Newbrougn on piano pianying Mozar and Chopin on Feb. 10, 12:15-1 p.m. Free. 642-4864.

Berkeley Theater Project presents "The Fever," by Wallace Shawn, performed by Aaron Davidman, Thuradg through Saturday through Feb. 20, 2300 Bancroft Way, Berkeley, 528-1-BTP.

Cal Performances presents Sanford Sylvan, barttone, with David Breilman, fortepiano on Sunday, Feb. 7 at 3 p.m. Hertz Hall, UCB. \$20, 842-9988.

Starry Plough hosts on Feb. 4: Porch, The Jenny Thing; Feb. 5: Hieronymus Firebrain, Granfalloon Bus, Mingo 2000; Feb. 6: The Sneetches, The Black Diamond; Feb. 7: George Pedersen and the Pedestrians; Mondays: Irish dance lessons, 7 p.m.; music session, 9 pm.; Tuesdays and Wednesday, darts. 3101 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley, 841-2082.

Medleval harp, recorder and psaltery join soprano Ann Azema in a benefit concertor'San Francisco Early Music Society's Summer Medieval Workshop on Sunday, Feb. 7, atSt. Albans Church, 1501 Washington St., Albany, \$10. 501-8383.

Kidshows hosts Ranka's Revue: "Musical Marionettes" on Sunday, Feb. 7, 11 a.m. at Julia Morgan Theatre, 2640 College Ave., Berkeley, \$6. 841-0211.

Kimball's East: Kronos Quartetthrough Feb. 7, 5800 Shellmound St., Emeryville. 558-2555.

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presents Tokyo Bound on Friday and Saturday, Feb. 5-6 and 12-13 at 8 p.m.; Sundays Feb. 7 and 14 at 7 p.m. \$12/\$10. \$8.

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Paclific Mozart Ensemble features
Brahms; "Lebestelder Waltzes Opus 52"
and other works at 5 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 7 at 5t. Mark's Church, Berkeley. 848-2336.

MusicSources cullnary series continues with Michael Wild of the Bay Wolf restaurant on Sunday, Feb. 7 at 5 p.m. \$15/\$12. 1000 The Alameda, Berkeley. 528-1685.

Claremont Hotel, Terrace Bar presents Feb. 4: The Fabulous Bud E. Luv Show; Feb. 5-6: Rhythm and Steel; Feb. 9: Lucy Lee and All Business; Feb. 10: Keta Bill Tric, Feb. 11: Lars Mars Orchestra. Music 9 p.m. to midnight. Call 549-8576 for more information.

Tribute to Bobby N. Barrett, former

Tric; Feb. 11: Lars Mars Orchestra. Music op.m. to midnight. Call 549-8576 for more information.

Tribute to Bobby N. Barrett, former director orbands at St. Mary's High School, will be held Sunday, Feb. 7 at 5. p.m. at the St. Mary's Shea Student Center. 559-6216.

Francesco Trio is at Julia Morgan Theatre Feb. 7, 3 p.m. \$1279.

Cephas & Wiggins and Jackle Torrence "Blue Story," are on stage at Zellerbach Hall Friday, Feb. 5, at 8 p.m., \$16; Saturday, Feb. 6: Paquito D'Rilvera and Arturo Sandovai, 8 p.m. \$22/\$18/\$13. 642-9988.

Pomo Afro Homos,a San Francisco-based performance trio of black gay men, presents Dark Fruit on Saturday, Feb. 6, 8 p.m. at La Pena. \$10. 3105 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley, 849-2568.

Berkeley Improvisors perform at La Val's Subterranean on Feb. 10 and 24. 1334 Euclid, Berkeley. Theater opens at 6:30 p.m. for dinner with performance at 7:30 p.m. \$5 admission. \$48-5198.

Meetings, Classes, Lectures

# Meetings, Classes, Lectures and other events

"P.M.S. Rellet" is a free lecture by Katle Mink at Solano Avenue Natural Foods on Thursday, Feb. 11, 7 p.m. Sign up now for Valentine wreath-making classes scheduled for Feb. 6 or 7, noon to 3 p.m. \$50 includes materials. 1770 Solano Ave., Berkeley, 527-6998.

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Mystery writers Susan Dunlap and Linda Grant will be at the Berkeley Public Library Claremont Branch on Thursday, Feb. 4 at 7:30 p.m.; the Gaslighters, a capella group, sings Feb. 6, 2 p.m. 2940 Benvenue Ave. Free. 644-6880.

Opera lecture by Renee Barone on Berkeley Opera's season opener, "The Immortal Hour" by Rutland Boughton. Feb. 7 at 4 p.m. at North Church, Walnut and Cedar, Berkeley, 524-5256.

Basic self-defense for women is at the Berkeley y on Tuesdays, 8-9:30 p.m. during February, \$35/\$80. 848-YMCA.

Turning Point Career Center offers a two-hour resume writing workshop, "Resuscitate Your Resume" on Monday, Feb. 8,7-9 p.m. \$25. Drop-in support group for job seekers and career changers second and fourth Mondays, 10 a.m. to noon.University YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way, Berkeley, 848-6370.

Rotary-Chabot Planetarium programs Friday and Saturday nights, 4917 Mountain Bivd., Oakland. 530-3480.

Contra Costa County celebrates familes and communities at the Fun Fest '93, Saturday, Feb. 6, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at

Back Oak Books. Tonight, Feb. 4:
Richard North Patterson, Degree of Guilt;
Feb. 7: Stanley Mouse; Freehand: The Art
of Stanley Mouse; Freehand: The Art
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of Stanley Mouse; Feb. 8: Charles Baxter,
Shadow Play; Nelson George, Bupples, Bboys, Baps, and Bohos: Notes on PostSoul Black Culture. All at 7:30 p.m. 1491
Shattuck Ave, Berkeley, 486-0698.
Magic Gardens class on Saturday, Feb.
6: "Basics of Rose Maintenance" with
Murray Rosen. 10 a.m. \$10, 729 Heinz,
Berkeley, Pre-register at 644-2351.
American Schizophrenia Association Alliance for the Mentally Ill will hold a
family support meeting on Wednesday,
Feb. 10, 7-8:45 p.m. at the Claremont
Branch Library, Ashby and Benvenue,
Brkeley, 841-8361. Free.

"State Law by Initiative: Wrong, right
or both" is the topic of the Feb. 5, noon
brown bag lunch sponsored by the League
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brown bag lunch sponsored by the League of Women Voters. 2300 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. Unitarian Universalists Fellowship hosts new after-school programs on "Wresting and Body Strengthening" (ages 2-11) and "Musle Theory and Instrumental Playing" (ages 2-11) at 1608 Bonita, Berkeley, with ongoing registration. 841-4824. Atta Bates Medical Center Older Adult Services lecture on Thursday, Feb. 11, 12:30-1:30 p.m.: Back Pain Prevention and Rehabilitation" with Barbara Bammann, M.D. Ongoing: Free blood pressure checks first and third Wednesdays from 1-2:30 p.m.; cholesterol checks, third Wednesdays, 10 a.m. to noon; hearing checks, third Thursdays, 2:15 p.m. to 4 p.m. (apolothments necessary); Foot and leg circulationscreening, second Wednesdays, 1-3 p.m. 204-4475.

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more information call 237-8233.
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lectures at Berkeley Richmond Jewish
Community Center, continues Feb. 11 at
7:30 p.m. 1414 Walnut St., Berkeley, 8480237.
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6, 524-6336.

UC Botanical Garden, Strawberry Canyon, Berkeley, presents a free plant disease clinic Saturday, Feb. 5, 9 am. to
noon. Sunday, Feb. 7. "Chip budding: Magnollas and Dogwoods" is the second session in a four-part series on propagation.
12:30-3 p.m. \$10/\$20. Also Saturday, Feb.
6: "Diseases and Pests affecting Fruit
Trees," the third part of the series on fruit

trees. 1 p.m. \$10/\$15. Garden tours are Saturdays and Sundays at 1:30 p.m. Advance registration advised for "Chocolate Lovers," Sunday, Feb. 14. 10:30 a.m.-2 p.m. \$15/\$25. Dino Days garden tour daily through May 24. 642-3343.

Presbyterian Women in St. John's Presbyterian Feb. 11 at 11:30 a.m. Christian Iraqi family member speaks. 527-3052 or 848-1350.

National Geographic photo director Tom Kennedy will speak on "Photographic Values and the Role of the Documentary Photographer/Journalist" on Monday, Feb. 8 at 7:30 p.m., Room 105, North Gate Hall, UC-Berkeley, Sponsored by the School of Journalism.

8 at7:30 p.m., Room 105, North Gate Hall, UC-Berkeley, Sponsored by the School of Journalism.

REI presents Feb. 4: "Rainforest Conservation in Samoa," with biologist Elizabeth Pierson, 7 p.m. Feb. 11: "Trekking in the Tien Shan Mountains," with architect and mountaineer Jack Robbins. 7 p.m. 1338 San Pablo Ave, Berkeley, 527-41-40.

Homeless Action Center offers free training for people interested in volunteering on behalf of the homeless. Next session is Feb. 6, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 5620 Shattuck Ave., Oakland. 540-0878.

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UFOs. The Latest Scoop is a workshop with Don Christian and Ian Christopher using video on Feb. 6, 1-5 p.m. Society for Psychical Study. \$25, 2924 Bervenue Ave., Berkeley, 339-8040.

Sklers meet first and third Tuesdays in Oakland, Berkeley and Albany to socialize, share food and plan; weekend meetings \$10/night at ski lodge near Squaw. For information call Poly nembership chalfman, Berkeley Ski Club, at (415) 868-2215.

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Easy Going Travel: "From Alice to Decan: Alone Across the Outback" is a presentation by photographer Rick Smolen on Thursday, Feb. 4 at 7:30 p.m. 1385 Shattuck, Berkeley, 843-6725.

GAIA community events — Feb. 4: Inda Schierse Leonard, "Meeting the Madwoman: An Inner Challenge for Feminine Splirt: "Feb. 8: Marcia Falk," Song of Songs With Teeth In the Earth; Peoms of Malka Hiefetz Tussman"; Feb. 10: Stephanle Ecisson, "Companion Through Darkness: nner Dialogues on Grief." At 7:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted; readings free with purchase of featured book, otherwise \$3.1400 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley, 848-GAIA. National Institute of Art and Disabilities offers classes beginning in February at Contra Costa College in San Pablo. For normation call 235-7800, ext. 633 or 620-299.

ghborhood Emergency Assis-Feam meeting in El Cerrito Feb. 6, to 2 p.m.: "CPR Saturday." 215-

Wednesday, Feb. 10 at 3102 Telegraph Ave., Berkeley. 845-9030.
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Tear Gas training Thursday, Feb. 4, 6-8 p.m. at Berkeley University YMCA, 2300 Bancroft Way. 524-5065.
Retired Public Employees: Association will hold a buffer brunch and program on Feb. 11, 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at Sizzler restaurant, 1134-4 san Pabio Ave., El Cerrito. Joe Eleccion of Dean Witter will speak on CDs. \$7:50. Reserve with a check to Maxine Anderson, 82.8 Pomona Ave., Albany, by Feb. 9.
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Albany Green Party meets at 10 a.m. the third Saturday of each month at University Village Cafe on Monroe Street. For more information call Joan Strasser at 524-8780.
Berkeley City Club: tours of its landmark building designed by architect Julia Morgan are the fourth Sunday of every month, noon to 4 p.m. \$1:50. 2315 Durant Ave., Berkeley. 848-7800.

### Exhibits

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"Explorations," works by psychotheraplest and artist Joanne Yeaton, is the exhibit at the Gallery of the Center for Psychologisal Studies. Opening Feb. 5. 524-0291.

"A Sense of Piace: Public Art Projects and Proposals" is at the Richmond Art Center through March 21. Also showing, "Art Kids Way," RUSD Elementary Art Mentor Project, through Feb. 21. Civic Center Piaza, Richmond, 620-6772.

Weir Gallery presents "Spring: Rite and Renewal," paintings, drawings, prints and sculpture by varied artists. Feb. 11 through April 17. 1805 Solano Ave., Berkeley, 524-8821.

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children, people on restricted income and so forth. A family of six then, would have to come up with some \$240, which might not be so easy for them.

When we split up into groups, it was obvious that many people had given much thought to the problems of the city.

oblems of the city.
There was the newcomer who

There was the newcomer who had moved to Albany just so his children could attend the highly rated Albany schools.

He was desperately anxious that nothing would happen that might impinge upon the schools, even though the funding for the two entities was quite separate.

There were people with special interests — the senior citizens with restricted income and worry about taxes; the ecologists who

about taxes; the ecologists who about taxes; the ecologists who were anxious that the park at the end of the waterfront be built; the young man just getting his feet wet in the ways of running a city with his fresh and rather idealistic suggestions; and, of course, the

suggestions; and, of course, the recyclists who were delighted to know that the rate and amount of recycling was to be enhanced within the the year.

I was also impressed with the members of the City Council, who had obviously worked long and hard on this, and were so responsive. And with the city staff who were quick to answer questions and explain the workings of the city government.

I know this will be reported elsewhere in this paper (I saw Phyllis Lyon taking pictures at one point), but my impressions of the community folk had to be expressed.

What was unique, what was lovely, was that all of these people cared and thought and expressed themselves and took time out from their busy lives to take part in this most unusual exercise.

exercise.

Later that evening I attended

another community event that

another community event that delighted me.

This was the performance at the Contra Costa Civic Theatre of the whimsical and wholly entertaining You Can't Take It With You, directed by Louis Flynn who also played the Grandfather.

Grandfather.
This was a romp from begin-

This was a romp from beginning to end.

Flynn assembled a wonderful cast, primarily of local people.
All of them seemed to revel in their parts, and enjoyed doing it as much as their audience enjoyed what they did.

This play, by Moss Hart and George S. Kaufman, has retained its joy and vivacity through the years. And Flynn and the others brought it to life with all the joy and vivacity still very much alive. and vivacity still very much alive With such a stellar cast, it is

impossible to pick out any one person to write about.

But, again, this was a comm

### Community Folk

By Clara-Rae Genser



nity event that said much for our community and for the people in

You Can't Take It With You will be performed Fridays and Saturdays through Feb. 27.
Don't miss it.

In this day of horror and pain, it is important to give oneself a pick-up whenever possible. And this is one, indeed.

Yes, a lovely and unique

mmunity.

And how wonderful to be a

I thank those who take part: the many people who attended the Town Meeting in Albany,

the talented people who act in plays in the local Little Theater, the many people who go to enjoy the performances, all of these become a little bit bigger, a little bit brighter and a little bit happier for having been part of it.

As always, I thank the many of you who have written and/or called me with suggestions. I appreciate them with all my heart. And I invite more—interesting people, events, organizations, travel, etc. Do give me your input. Please write to me at 555 Pierce St., No. 443, Albany 94706 or call

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# Indigenous Albany theater troupe does drama for the fun of

By Phyllis Lyon

Albany's own and only little theater company regaled a nearfull house last Friday night with a top hole production of *How The Other Half Loves* by English farcemaster Alan Ayckbourn.

Performances continue tomor-row and Saturday at 8 o'clock in the Albany High Little Theater.

The Albany Players, a company formed by a group of friends and neighbors bitten by a dramatic bug, launched its first season last year with the two-person comedy, Educating Rita. Expanding the run to two weekends and tripling the cast this year, the Players may now safely be called an Albany institu-

The puzzle unravelled in How the Other Half Loves is not who's sleeping with who among a set of three married couples. We know that right from the start.

The question is who's going to

The fast-paced comedy goes The fast-paced connecty goes from sly misdirection, bumbling miscommunication up to and including marital cat and dog fights until the combatants go contentedly back to their respective corners at final curtain.

Company co-founder Philip Reed directed the actors, who represent a mix of experienced players and neophytes.

The El Cerrito attorney co-starred in Rita last year and was most recently seen in the Contra Costa Civic Theater's Run For Your Wife last fall.

Twelve-year Albany resident Susan Warwick is chic, sleek and devious as Fiona Foster, wife in the upscale pair of marrieds.

ing member, is a native of England who worked extensively in ama-teur dramatics in Manchester be-fore coming to the United States.

Her constantly-distracted hus-band, Frank, unbelievably the boss down at the office, is a likable upperclass English gent as played by Laney College English teacher

Rick B. Robinson.

Robinson has a string of college and community productions to his

"The other half" are two hus-bands under Frank's supervision at work and their wives.

Mia Farrow look-alike Jana Vogenson, fine as Mary Detweiler, the mouse wife who finally roars, is a veteran Shakespearean actress and former Peace Corps volunteer.

Mary's starchy husband, William, who is driven to commit may-hem with a monkey wrench on the rumor Mary has been untrue, is played by Hugh Douglas, Jr. Dou-glas' last stage appearance was in a fourth grade play.

Completing the sextet are the fight-and-make-up twosome, Bob and Terry Phillips, played by acting first-timers Sarah Samonsky, an aide in the Albany schools, and daytime carpenter Michael G. Wil-

How the Other Half Lo Friday and Saturday nigh in the Albany High Little 603 Key Route Blvd.

### Newsline

### Sign up for safety

ALBANY — The following public education classes will be offered by the city fire department:

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Crk: Feb. 14, 6:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.; 5:30; tunen included.
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 First Aid: Feb. 6, 1 to 5 p.m.; free.
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### Senior legislature sign-ups

The Contra Costa County Area Agency on Aging has petitions available for individuals interested in being a candidate for the California Senior Legislature. Petitions will be available at the Office on Aging, 40 Douglas Dr., Martinez through Friday, Feb. 5.

To be eligible for CSL, an individual must: (1) be 60 years of age by March 3, 1993, (2) be a registered voter, (3) be a Contra Costa County resident, (4) complete a petition with signatures from at least 25 supporters, and (5) agree to election guidelines of the California Commission on Aging and Area Agency on Aging.

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seniors, (2) to advocate for the inclusion of those concerns into legislative

proposals of the State Legislature,.
For information call Jack Bartlett 312-1713.

### Team tennis event slated

A recreational TEAMTENNIS League will begin Saturday, Feb. 20 at El Cerrito High School. Matches will be played each Saturday from 1-3 p.m. for 6 weeks.

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Recreational TEAM IENNIS is a tennis league which allows men, women, boys and girls to compete in an exciting fast-paced format, a TEAMTENNIS match consists of five or six no ad-sets including one set of men's and women's singles, one set of men's and women's doubles and one or two sets of mixed doubles. Scoring is cumulative, with the team winning the most games winning the match. TEAMTENNIS MIXER will be held Feb. 13, from 1-3 p.m. at the El Cerrito High School Tennis Courts to get acquainted with other tennis players and find out about TEAMTENNIS is all about. A draft will be held after to determine teams.

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Just by joining a league, each player receives a free T-shirt and the winning teams will receive TEAMTENNIS awards.

The entry fee for the league will be \$25.50 percent of the entry fee will be placed in a fund for El Cerrito Court resurfacing. If for any reason the court resurfacing is not done, the funds will be used to promote junior tennis in our community, the balance of the entry fee will cover the cost of court time, tennis balls and refreshments.

Deadline for entries is Feb. 13. For more information contact Denise

### Student standouts

Harding Elementary School "Student of the Month" for December are

as follows:
Irwin Chew, Andrew Tamura, Joseph Leung, Sarah Winter, Elizabeth Wright, Samer Ayyard, Herman Hung, Jonas Abel, Kyla Persons, Gregory Fiddes, Lisa Nomura, Nancy Harrison, Gregory Morales, Danielle Berndt, Praveen Singh, Angelina Harrison, Tyshenna Moore, LaNya Robinson, Gabriella Almeida, Jack Williams, and Christopher Willis. The Student Council annual "Penny in the Jar" contest ended last week with the students having four days to collect pennies to raise \$1,000 for the UC-Berkeley Lawrence Hall of Science bubble festival that will be at Harding School on June 7-8.

All Harding students will participate in the festival if the Student Council reaches its goal to pay for this activity.

The primary and upper grade class that collects the most pennies will be rewarded with a "Penny Candy Party."

Research volunteers needed

Albany Senior Center is looking for 15 volunteers to participate in memory research sponsored by the University of California. Participants should be 60 years of age or more and in good health.

Appointments are made at the convenience of the volunteer and will take approximately three hours; they can be at the Center or another mutually agreeable place.

A donation in each volunteer's name will be made to the Albany Senior Center. Call Jean, Alice or Diane at 524-9122.

Warwick, also a Players fo

The ingenious mechanics of *How the Other Half Lives* provide visual and time mix-ups that fit right in with the funny plot turns.

The one-set scene doubles as two homes. The Fosters' white-walled and the Phillips' green-walled living rooms mesh together across the stage and the occupants do intricate dances around each other, alternating domestic scenes, totally oblivious to one another.

In the overall, the fledg bany Players bring this m bitious, somewhat silly co with glitch-free, entertain

For information call.

### Budget -

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\$66,300 as an estimate of the third quarter adjustment for Target but quarter adjustment for Target out then have not incorporated an esti-mated amount into the first pay-ment for the fourth quarter." Based on the state's estimates, however, Randall expects that the

city's revenue projections from Target are still valid.

In addition, the property tax pay-ment received by the city in De-cember from the county did not include the 9 percent property tax shift legislated by the state. Tax-

payers, said Randall, did pay last year's taxes based on the new county assessments which had been

county assessments which had been determined in August.

But the county did not distribute the money to El Cerrito until it obtains more precise calculations on the 9 percent revenue shift the state of California has taken away this year. According to Randall the this year. According to Randall, the county is figuring that the amount gained by increased tax assessments and the amount shifted away by the state will be "pretty much a wash."

Randall says he does have slight problems with the calculation procedure — a subject he's currently discussing with the county.

"But it won't have a major impact on us," he said.

Finally, Randall said, utility users tax revenues are being closely monitored.

Though they are currently three

monitored.

Though they are currently three percent below the city's estimate, he noted that revenues have not yet been received for the peak months' use of gas and electric — Decem-

Randall only drew atterney the way of the cape of the city costs in litigation, he said penditures for the city costs in litigation, he said prictually to a discriming filed by two police office the cable television suit.

Most of the expense, he been to pay outside or yound the regular city set.

### Robber -

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same time, a man walked out front door, "He didn't seem to notice the officers," said Eaves.

The man identified himself as Michael Cook, the same name he had given to Hurley. Cook was then arrested.

The same man who had cheed.

The same man who had chased

the robber positively identified

Cook, Eaves said.

After a search warrant was obtained, evidence was collected.

According to Eaves, clothing and a toy gun used in robbery were found.

A large amount of cash was also found in the residence, he said.

Cook was arraigned in a San Francisco federal court on Monday on the Hercules charges; the case has been turned over to FBI's Conrd office.

Eaves said investigation into the

other robberies — in which vault-ing of the counter and use of a toy

gun were a part of the method — is continuing. He also said that the a lice chief of the Hercules? a letter of commenda

## Ballot –

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o replace the existing Arlington Boulevard station. The average cost s estimated at \$13.10 per year for ld last for 20 years

The project's goal is to replace the existing station because of structural damage, inadequate plumbing and electrical systems. The project cost is estimated at \$1.295

will pay for renovations to the buildwill pay for renovations to the buildings, including replacement of mechanical systems, asbestos removal, structural repairs to walls and ceilings, handicapped access and roof repairs. The project cost is estimated at \$1.6 million.

Pokorny, said that the needed

Pokorny said that the needed repairs, which were targetted after an architectural evaluation of the

building, would bring the station up to 1993 standards of safety for blic buildings. Pokorny believes the passage of

"A whole set of deferred main-tenance projects have built up over the years," he said, adding that things need to be replaced, repaired

and conditions improved around the city, "or we'll begin to lose the

Pokorny also said the city was

that have already res

# Del Norte Place -

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rant is just around the corner, said Semmelmeyer. Only two days ago, he said, TRI reached an agreement

with an upscale Italian restaurant.
"Ithink we can move quickly on
the lease agreement,"
Semmelmeyer said. He expected it
might be signed sometime next

rant specializes in pasta. He says it tastes fantastic and should be af-fordable to someone getting off BART who might aim to eat there

The restaurant will also offer pizza and other entrees.

Semmelmeyer also believes a deal with a high-quality deli/bak-ery business is just around the cor-ner. Negotiations look good, he said, adding that the business is "a strong operator."
Other Del Norte Place shops in-

clude Market Place Cleaners, and the Postal Annex, which will open

El Cerrito's redevelopment

manager Gerry Raycraft said he believes the leasing of the commer-cial space is moving along at a reasonable pace — even a good one, he said, given the current eco-

one, he said, given the current economic conditions.

So far, said Raycraft, "We're really pleased with the number of cars we see in the parking lot and the level of traffic there.

"It looks like there's life at Del Norte Place."

Raycraft does believe that once a second restaurant has moved into

the south end of the com whole area will get a no Compared to the new Tay sales tax revenues from Norte complex won't Raycraft said.
On the other hand, h

he said. "That's not pe

# Blotter -

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from the rear and grabbed her purse. The thief was then picked up in a car driven by another man.

• An Oakland man said that another man approached him at San Pablo and Solano avenues at about 9:20 p.m. on Jan. 28, then began to yell at him and challenge him to a fight. The second man left when

yell at him and challenge him to a fight. The second man left when the first did not respond.

• When a responding officer checked on an illegally parked vehicle in the 500 block of Pierce at

12:33 a.m. on Jan. 29, two arrests resulted. Two Pinole residents were arrested for possession of a crack pipe; the man also had an outstanding felony warrant of \$10,000 from the Richmond PD.

• Two people were arrested for driving under the influence.
• A recycling theft was reported in the 1000 block of Cornell.
• A Richmond man collided with a tree at Curtis and Marin on the afternoon of Jan. 29; there was mi-

A Berkeley woman collided with two parked vehicles on Solano west of Ordway on the afternoon of Jan.

An Albany woman hit a parked vehicle in the 700 block of Cleve-A Mountain View woman and an Albany woman were involved

in a traffic collision at about 1:06 p.m. on Jan. 25. The Mountain View woman's car was towed because

she was driving with as license.

Two cars were hit who opened their doors into their doors into the cars were hit who opened their doors into the cars.

traffic.
An Australian driverh
of a vehicle belonging k
land resident parked infeof Santa Fe.
An AC Transit drive,
door of a Berkeley dr
opened it at about 4:25 p.
25.

# Court outlaws use of underage decoys for liquor but

Police use of underage "decoy"

Police use of underage "decoy" buyers to find out whether stores sell alcohol to minors has been declared unconstitutional by a state appeals court in San Francisco.

The Court of Appeal said the state constitution explicitly forbids alcohol purchases by people under the age of 21 and makes no exceptions for youths working for police. tions for youths working for police

The ruling was made in the case of a Petrini's market in San Leandro and a Lucky grocery store in Concord where underage youths who worked for local police were sold

After the state Alcoholic Beverage Control Department suspended the stores' liquor licenses, their corporate owners, joined by the California Grocers Association, challenged the constitutionality of using underage decoys.

police departments thro state use underage deco

for California Attorne, Daniel Lungren, said sta will consult with the

Justice Marc Poche wrote, "The language of the constitution is clear and unambiguous.

Anyone under the age of 21 is forbidden to buy alcoholic beverages." wine and beer. Mike Van Winkle, asp

> Beverage Control Depa fore deciding whether it the state Supreme Court Renee Wasserman, a lawyer for the stores, said the ruling will have

By Peter Mentor

Looking for a game that would put them back into the thick things in the Bay Valley Athletic League,

'It was the best game we played

-SENIOR JOSH MYERS

all year'

**EC Gauchos** 

beat Berkeley

Hot contest was one great game

inside pass to the big men or took it in himself.

King finished with nine points, dished seven assists and grabbed four rebounds, but it was his ball-

dished seven assists and grabbed four rebounds, but it was his ball-handling skills and superior play in crunch time that brought admiration from everyone in the gym.

Berkeley cut the lead to five points with 4:18 left in the third quarter, when King stole the ball and scored. On the next play King had the ball deep, powered his way along the baseline and scored from underneath while being fouled. His successful shot from the line completed a three-point play and pushed the Gaucho lead back to 10 points at 59-49.

El Cerrito allowed only one more field goal by Berkeley's Jahari Tracy, who finally scored after Berkeley tried three times to put the ball in the hole. Tracy finished with a game-high 23 points, but it was King and the missed opportunities his coach was talking about after the game.

"King did a good job keeping bis."

"King did a good job keeping his

team in tempo coming down the floor," said Berkeley head coach Jesse Gossett. "To have success you have to have the shot inside. That's

been our problem. We missed shots inside and you can't do what you've got to do if you do that. El Cerrito did a good job. Circus did a good

job."

The "Circus" Gossett was referring to was King, who got the nick-name while playing at the Boys' Club when a friend saw him and said he was "putting on a show." King was the show for the Gauchos on Friday and although there may be more glory in scoring, he doesn't mind dishing the passes if it means his team picks up a win.

"It depends on the situation," said King. "Sometimes you have to pass

# **SPORTS**



By Peter Mentor

### he place to be

went to a great boys' basket-game last week, but it wasn't Oakland Coliscum. Yes, I the Bishop O'Dowd and St. halplay there, but it was the strillo-Berkeley game that

entio-Berkeley game that y lit my fire.

The battle of the wounded through the Kiddless to was O.K. if you like slow es with ultimate dramatic ings, but for my money (well ldon't pay) it was the chos and Yellowjackets ving "real basketball." he prestige of the Coliseum, the nonly place able to seat the people going to see Jason people going to see Jason the Pilots and O'Dowd, a half-empty barn.
a half-empty barn.
na matchup for the league
that went down to the win
ha tie score until the last
pod, it was a stinker of a

it. Joseph held on to the ball night and O'Dowd came in red and lost two more players ing the game.

If it was not for J.J. Mozon's from the corner of the world rive the Pilots a win in the last and, it would have been a dedovertime with maybe two ed overtime with maybe two see overtime with maybe to two sets the place on by night. The stands at one of the court were filled with we Gaucho fans, swinging swaying and singing like a secrowd, albeit a lot

let.

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wjackets score 16-8 after larter, but Berkeley wasn't

n. keley's Jahari Tracy scored high 23 points and two of ame off a sweet pass by ale Traniel Brown that tlook so easy and cut the

teley pulled ahead by four, lomas made three of his 17 on a patented basketball he steal, shot and foul, Berkeley's lead to one yers, who led the scoring cerisio, did his crash-and-wine through a crowd for then he canned a three-at the buzzer and El was up 32-28 at halftime.

with a scoring drive down side of the lane and then a right-handed hook paint. Dedy Cooper
na rebound, but it was
handed drive that got the

errito it didn't matter the lead.

erito went up by 10 and Berkeley fought it win to five with Tracy, d Canty and Michael all scoring. King single-ally drove it back up to 10 with another steal and a and a baseline drive plus a

ough one team had to lose, was particularly down the game. Especially not the



Berkeley's Jahari Tracy (22) and El Cerrito's Josh Myers (33) go for a rebound

Key to the Yellowjackets' game was holding Gaucho forward Fannea Nelson to seven points.

### 'We didn't play up to our potential, but we were able to hold El Cerrito down'

—COACH NAKAMURA

tial, but we were able to hold El Cerrito down," said Berkeley head coach Gene Nakamura. "Bambi Bowling shut down Laxi Tomony (in the Carondelet game) and Tannea on Friday with those two teams that have a tough player."

Nakamura has moved Bowling off the front line and put her back our the front line and put her back with Jenny Tom as a shooting guard. Bowling has given the Yellowjacket backcourt speed and extra defense and opened up the inside game to players like Amber Lacey, Sara Brooks and new starter Rona Bevien.

"Bambi is now a shooting and defensive guard with Jenny Tom," said Nakamura. "They are two of my quickest players. What's nice why quickes players. What's mice is I can put in a different lineup. With Jenny and Tasha Henneman back it gives me a lot of versatility. Rona is starting at 3 (small forward) up front with Sara Brooks and Amber Lacey."

Lacey bolstered Berkeley's of-

Jacket girls top El Cerrito; now 7-0 in league

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fense scoring 12 points, Tom added seven points, Bevien scored six and Brooks chipped in five points.

Berkeley was able to knock off Carondelet 59-41 in earlier action and the Yellowjackets did it much the same way. Nakamura was surprised at how well his team played against Carondelet following an off day of practice the day before.

"I was surprised because the day before we had a terrible practice," said Nakamura. "I had to stop it. I didn't think they were being disci-

didn't think they were being disci-plined enough. Then they just really came out to play (the game). It was the first good game we played in a

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# Tannea Nelson to seven points. Nelson has been scoring big time for the El Cerrito, but Berkeley denied her access to the ball. El Cerrito junior froward Angelene Porter scored 10 and Gaucho senior guard Capree Mouton added eight points, but it wasn't enough against league-leader Berkeley. El Cerrito caught Berkeley at the wrong time, just as Berkeley was getting its players back to full speed after a painful January. The Yellowjackets didn't play their best game, but they are playing better than anyone else in the league. "We didn't play up to our poten-Berkeley soccer out of North Coast playoffs

By Peter Mentor

Berkeley finished off the first half of the Bay Valley Athletic League girls' basketball season with a perfect 7-0 league record after beating El Cerrito 56-29 in Berke-

beating El Cerrito 56-29 in Berkeley on Friday.

The Yellowjackets used fierce defense and a 17-point offensive performance from Bambi Bowling to win the game. Berkeley dominated the first half, going into the break up 24-11 against El Cerrito. The Yellowjackets held the Gauchos under seven points on offense in each the first three quarters for a 36-17 lead heading into the fourth quarter, then went on the attack with a 20-12 run for the 27-point

Just when the season seemed to get going for Berkeley boys' soc-cer, time ran out for making it out of the Bay Valley Athletic League

of the Bay Valley Athletic League and into post-season play.

The Yellowjackets needed to win the rest of their games for any real shot at the North Coast Section playoffs. Berkeley started off well last week, beating Clayton Valley 1-0 on Marco Azucena's lone goal five minutes into the second half, but it was the last high point of the season.

season.

Berkeley outshot Clayton Valley 25-5 in the game, but the only goal came on a mistake by the Eagle goalie. The Yellowjackets had trouble finishing off their offensive thrusts and could not take advantage of their scoring opportunities.

"We completely out-played them," said Berkeley head coach Ken Shadlen. "Their goalie played

them," said Berkeley head coach Ken Shadlen. "Their goalie played an excellent game. The goal we got

just had trouble scoring goals."

Lack of scoring was the key for a loss in the Yellowjackets' next game, a 4-3 defeat to Antioch that pushed Berkeley out of the playoff

"This was by far the most prepared and psyched up the team had been all year. They were completely focused."

Berkeley came out red hot in the game, scoring a goal in the first two minutes of play. Ryan Gates headed in a cross by Alex Cussen in a

in a cross by Alex Cussen in a picture perfect goal.

"Alex Cussen crossed it in from the right side," said Shadlen. "Ryan went up over the left and headed it into the corner."

With a 1-0 lead Berkeley made a torrid charge at the goal, but the

torrid charge at the goal, but the Yellowjackets could into get it into the net. Antioch scored a goal at the

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Albany Cougars score two ESAL victories By Peter Mentor

Albany boys' hoops won two nsecutive East Shore Athletic League victories last week to go 4-4 in league, 6-14 overall com-ing into Tuesday's matchup against powerhouse Bishop O'Dowd.

The Cougars nipped Encinal 47-46 on sophomore guard Jon Sanger's game-saving steal an

go-ahead layup at the end of the game to beat the Jets by one point in front of the Albany home crowd. Sanger did it all. He scored 10 points, grabbed eight rebounds, dished five assists and swiped five steals.

Dwayne Chappelle matched Sanger with 10 points and Gary Tatmon added eight points for the Cougars.
Jason Cooper was the hero of

the next game, scoring 31 points in an 87-81 win at Richmond.

in an 87-81 win at Richmond.
Cooper added seven rebounds and seven assists for the win.
Rich Souza backed up the scoring with 15 points, while Chappelle was the man with the hands including nine points, 13 rebounds, four assist and four blocked shots. Tatmon and Sanger added 12 points apiece in this high-scoring affair.

# Panthers and Dragons expected to duel

By Peter Mentor

Yusef Moore-Mobley scored 27 points, John Page chipped in 19 points and Abby Hussein went for a triple double with 10 points, 12 rebounds and 10 assists in St. Mary's 81-64 home basketball victory over Alameda on Tuesday. The Panthers blasted out of the gates with 26 points in the first

gates with 26 points in the first quarter and led 46-28 at the half. The game was all but won in the third quarter at 65-41 and the St. Mary's bench came out for some

quality time.

The victory was St. Mary's sixth straight in East Shore Athletic League play and it raised the Panthers' record to 7-1 in league, 12-8 overall for a good chance at wining the league.

Moore-Mobley was hot from the floor, scoring two 3-pointers.

Moore-Mobley was not from the floor, scoring two 3-pointers, hitting eight field goals and drop-ping 5 of 6 from the line. When the senior point guard wasn't shooting he was passing off 11 assists to his

Panther senior forward Billy

Chavrin chipped in nine points and Rah-mu Brown scored six.

"They're playing together, mov-ing the ball around," said St. Mary's head coach Restelli Brown. "They are playing hard and fairly effi-ciently."

ciently."

Brown said his team was rated 15th coming into this week and Alameda was 13th in one East Bay poll, so the Panthers should move up The big goal at the end of the se

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# 'Lackadaisical' play for BHS soccer EC-Berkeley

El Cerrito boys' handed Berkeley a 3-0 shutout on Tuesday to pull the two teams even in the league.

The Gauchos were hungry for the win that raised their record to 4-5-2, while Berkeley played uninspired soccer and fell to 5-7. Both teams have 10 points for the season and are tied for fourth. They're out of the Bay Valley Athletic League playoffs, but it was a good victory for El Cerrito.

"A great victory," said El Cerrito head coach Fred Gonzales. "Berkeley played lackadaisical." That sentiment was seconded by

Berkeley head coach Ken Shadlen, but he praised El Cerrito for their determination in the game.

"El Cerrito really wanted to win the game badly," said Shadlen. "We're still feeling a little bit down about the last few games."

Andrew Dragos got the winning for the Gauchos, but some of the credit has to go to Kai Pridgen, who tossed a monster throw in from the sideline. The ball sailed up over the crowd and Dragos headed it in for the 1-0 lead.

"It was a great goal to watch,"

"It was a great goal to watch," said Gonzales.

Cory Baker scored El Cerrito's other two goals. His first goal was the sweetest, coming on a brea-

kaway when center forward Jef-frey Henderson dished a pass up field and Baker finished it off for

the score.

'Jeffrey Henderson passed it ahead about 20 yards ahead to Cory,' said Gonzales. 'He put a burst of speed on and knocked it

El Cerrito plays today home and next Thursday away against un-defeated league leader De La Sa-lle. Gonzales said Spartans are good and almost unstoppable.

"'I'd put 12 guys on defense if I could," said Gonzales with a laugh. "They're big, they're fast and they can play."

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to score. We should have beaten them the first time. We needed that game bad. It gives us a little momentum and confidence."
Gossett was not down on his team, especially after losing for the second time in two games after starting out the league perfect at 6-0. A 76-60 loss to league leader De La Salle three days before was a pride bender for the Yellowjackets and this loss dropped Berkeley to 6-2 league, 13-7 overall, two games behind undefeated De La Salle. This loss to El Cerrito may bring the Yellowjackets back to the realization they have to play up against everyone the rest of the way.

The victory was not lost on El Cerrito head coach Chris Huber, who saw it as a step back to the winning ways his team displayed in the preseason.

"That was a good win for us," said Huber, "We needed to beat a

10 minute mark and it stunned Ber-keley. The Panthers scored three more goals in the 10-minute span and had the Yellowjackets on their heels.

Soccer

team above us in league. It gives us a good feeling going into the next game at 4-4. It looks big ad it sounds

a good teeling going into the next game at 4-4. It looks big ad it sounds big."

Huber was pleased with the win and even happier with the play of his team. "I really thought Quincy Williams played well," said Huber. It was his second start for us. Dedy Cooper played well and Josh Myers boy can he get up."

Huber was quiet about King, but he let his point guard know how much he appreciated the selfless attitude and quality playing with a private word and a firm handshake after the game.

Gaucho sophomore guard Maceo Thomas put in a solid showing with 17 points, spread out through all four quarters. Cooper ended with 10 points and eight rebounds. Williams contributed eight points and played solid defense.

El Cerrito scored 16 points in the first three quarters of play and 15 in the fourth quarter for a display

of offensive consistency. B. fluctuated on offense, scori points in the first quarter to a the second quarter to go half down 32-28. Yellowjackets kept pace in quarter with 14 points an within five with just ow minutes left, but received on more points the rest of the Tracy led everyone a points, while Leonard Caminine, Kenyatta Rowe hade Michael Lewis chipped in of offensive consistency. B

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Antioch tomorrow night
Valley come to El Ce
Tuesday.

Berkeley played at hor Antioch on Tuesday Yellowjackets play hosti tomorrow night at 7 back Donahue Gym.

# 'Road rash' inspires St. Mary's scoring

When David Adame went down n a breakaway and didn't get the all he felt he deserved, the St. fary's sophomore didn't get mad

Mary's sophomore didn't get mad he got even.

Adame had to leave the game with a severe "road rash" from the field, but he returned to score the game winner in a 4-2 victory over Encinal on Saturday.

"He had a breakaway and he was tripped," said St. Mary's head coach Erie Ballon. "He had to go out of the game because he had a fat road rash. We thought it was in the box. After that happened we got fired up."

Adame's goal made it 3-2 and Jonevan Hornsby scored late in the game for the final goal, while Ryan Altshuler and Sean Murphy played staunch defense for the win.

win.

The game was close in the first half and Panther senior Khahlil Kirtman kept St. Mary's in it with his offense prowess. St. Joseph scored first and Kirtman quickly tied it. The Pilots went ahead again 2-1, but once again it was Kirtman knotting the score at 2-2 with his second goal of the day.

Then came the trip and the it unified the Panther team. After that it was all St. Mary's.

""They controlled the game in the first half," said Ballon. "In the second half we just took over."

"St. Mary's had an earlier 4-0 win over Encinal and again it was Kirtman doing the scoring with three of the four goals. That gave the senior forward 16 goals for the season, his 10th goal in league play. Seth Altshuler picked up a goal on a penalty kick late in the game for the final tally.

The two victories brought St. Mary's to 5-1 in the East Shore Athletic League, 7-1 overall. The only loss so far was to Shore Division leader Richmond, the only undefeated team in the league at \$-0, 8-2 overall.

The Oilers won that first game against the Panthers 3-1, but St. Mary's was scheduled to play the Richmond again on Wednesday, this time at home. A win would bring the Panthers into first place tie with the Oilers. St. Mary's would actually have the edge in head-to-head competition because the second game weighs more than the first game in a tie-breaker situation.

season against Alameda, the sec-ond place team in the East Divi-

sion.

"We've beaten everyone in the East except Alameda," said Ballon. "We lost to (Richmond) already 3-1. The second game should be real close. We'll have a better showing than the last time."

The top two teams from each division make the ESAL playoffs. The No. 1 team from one side plays the No. 2 team from the other side and the semifinal winners play in the league finals, Regardless of who wins the finals, both teams involved go on to play in the North Coast Section playoffs.

"The winner gets the highest seed," said Ballon. 1988 was the last time we were in North Coast and we got blown out by Arroyo. We won the league at 16-1 that year."

Since then Richmond has come

we won the league at 10 T that year."
Since then Richmond has come out on top of the league, but St. Mary's had a chance to change that on Wednesday.

heels.

Berkeley got one goal back when George Wooley was fouled inside the penalty box. Azucena got the nod for a penalty kick and blasted a shot in for a 4-2 score at the half.

Berkeley got another score off a penalty kick when an Antioch defender was called for a hand ball. The Yellowjackets had quite a few Jacket girls

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Berkeley was scheduled to play at Antioch on Tuesday and the Yellowjackets travel to Pittsburg tomorrow for a 7 p.m. tipoff. Then it's back home for two games, the first against Pinole Valley on Tuesday and the second against Ygnacio Valley next Thursday.

shots on goal in the last few minutes,

"We had a whole lot of chances to score," said Shadlen. "They almost scored one also. That game still hurts because that was the type of preparation a coach hopes for. That 10 minute stretch, I'll never know what happened. Things just fell apart."

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On Monday Berkeley fell 3-0 to undefeated league leader De La Salle and dropped to 5-6 in league. The Yellowjackets lost too many games to qualify for second place and a chance to go to the North Coast Section playoffs and now

Nakamura said Tuesday's game would be the toughest since Pinole Valley gave them a good game in the first meeting. He feels an undefeated league season is in his players' grasp if they play their best ball.

"If we are really playing our

"If we are really playing our game, I don't think there is anyone in the league who can stay with us,"

they are in the position of sp

"In the last 10 days we' three of four games, buitis's we ever played. We've he luck, a strangeness in the today (Monday against Del we just lost to a better Shadlen added.

said Nakamura. "There's a good things to come. There weeks left, so they've got to

some major improvements post-season is just around

El Cerrito slipped to league, 12-6 overall before to Ygnacio Valley on Tuesd

# Duel -

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is to get back into the North Coast

is to get back into the North Coast Section playoffs.

The Panthers have a couple of ways to get in, but the best way is win the rest of their games, and that is definitely possible. Five of the last six games are against Shore Division rivals, all of whom are below .500. The other game is tomorrow night at 7 against Encinal, another team below the even mark this season at 3-5 league, 9-10 overall coming into this week.

St. Mary's, Bishop O'Dowd and St. Joseph split into a separate Superpower playoff among the three Division I teams in the league when the regular season a is over. The top team gets a bye, while the other two fight it out in a semifinal.

O'Dowd has the edge because of the 66-42 win over St. Mary's in mid-January, but the Dragons have to play St. Joseph again. The Pilots beat O'Dowd in the Oakland Coliseum last week and if they win the second game against the Dragons the Panthers will end up winning the league for the regular season.

In that case St. Mary's will automatically be in the ESAL final and with an 18-8 record the Panthers should be a shoe-in for the NCS playoffs.

St. Mary's pulled off the big win

playoffs.
St. Mary's pulled off the big win against St. Joseph, but it was the 64-60 victory over St. Elizabeth

Kids can dance away

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after-school project

last week that gave the Panthers a good view from the top. Against St. Elizabeth, Chavarin and Page each scored 20 points and Moore-Mobley contributed 14 in the win. The Panthers jumped out

to an 11-0 lead at the start of the game and led 30-17 at the half. The Mustangs made a comeback bid in the third quarter and fourth quarters with a 43-34 scoring edge, but the Raythers hald on.



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Business Update

■ STEVE MILLER

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the Trades Guild was born in October of 1989.

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them, and all members are required to have the appropriate State Contractor's License, be bonded (in most categories), have written references from satisfied customers, undergo a personal interview and portfolio review, and have no legal actions filed by the Department of Consumer Affairs or current complaints with consumer agencies.

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## Teast Bay Events This Week

### oncert of 'Passionate Opposites' om Pacific Mozart Ensemble

ar superb Pacific Mozart Ensemble explores what it calls the mes of love—sensuous and celibate—this Sunday. The program ists of Brahms' bubbly Liebeslieder Waltzes contrasted with O salem, aurea civitas by the 12th-century abbess Hildegard von Bin-Also on the program is the famous Allegri Miserare (with its specar soprano descant, to be sung in this concert by a woman instead of a boy soprano), plus modern church music by Duruflé and Poulenc.

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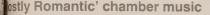
The concert is at 5 p.m. Sunday at St. Mark's Church, 2300 Bancroft Way, Berkeley. (Another performance takes place the day before at Calvary Presbyterian in San Francisco.) Tickets are \$15; \$10 for seniors and students. Call 848-2336 for more information.

### Viennese pops from Kensington Symphony

"A Night in New Vienna" is the theme of the Kensington Symphony's pops concert this Saturday, a title that suggests bonbons by Schönberg and Webern. We suspect that nothing so heavy is planned, however. The press release promises waltzes, polkas, light opera, show tunes and a brass ensemble. Lloyd Elliott will conduct the orchestra and guests—duo pianists Patricia Dyck and Scott Merrick, sopranos Jo Maxon-Dadd and

t 'Fertile Flames' fea-ed-media works of lago. The paint-and-es consist of fertility micrographic images virus. The combina-s the spread of the African communities. is at La Peña Cultur-3105 Shattuck Ave., through the end of ne: 849-2568. Dyck and Scott Merrick, sopranos Jo Maxon-Dadd and Phoebe Sorgen. Tenor Dan Gensemer and mezzo-soprano Marleen Quint will sing duets.

\*\*concert begins at 8 p.m., but an hour earlier, Valerie and Eldon it will give free dance lessons. Snacks and wine and beer will be edduring the concert, with pastries and champagne at the end. an auction will be held for a chance to lead the orchestra in the infler from Offenbach's Tales of Hoffmann. The concert is at the Unitarian Church of Kensington. Tickets are \$15. Call Mimi gin (\$26-5499) or Ladd Griffith (\$24-6738) for reservations.



Francesco Trio performs its "mostly Romantic" concert Sun-13 p.m. at the Julia Morgan Theater. The program consists of oven's Trio in B-flat Major, Op. 11; Mendelssohn's Trio in C 1, Op. 66; and Brahms' Trio in C Major, Op. 87. The trio itself is of pianist Nathan Schwartz, violinist Miwako Watanabe ellist Bonnie Hampton. The theater is at 2640 College Ave., tey, Tickets are \$12; \$9 for students and seniors. Call 84-JULIA.

### bute to St. Mary's band director

Mary's College High School will remember Bobby N. Baris director of bands for 28 years, at a concert this Sunday featurimmer students of Barret's as well as other noted Bay Area musiSome of the performers are Tommy McElroy, Bob Calonico,
Wy Filson, Nat Courtney, John Miller, Art Davis, Jim Stentand Barrett's daughter, Karen Barrett. The free concert is at 3
Sanday at the Shea Center on the St. Mary's campus, Peralta Park,
stey, Call 526-9242 for more information.

### nford Sylvan sings Schubert songs

ione Sanford Sylvan, the sensitive singer who's John Adams' weapon, appears Sunday with fortepianist David Breitman in of Franz Schubert. Breitman plays Schubert's Drei Klavierstücke. to collaborate in Schubert's song cycle Die schöne Müllerin. The tis at 3 p.m. at Hertz Hall on the UC-Berkeley campus. Tickets 0. Call 642-9988 for reservations.

### mo Afro Homos present 'Dark Fruit'

Mo Afro Homos (that is, Postmodern African-American Homos), a three-man troupe, comes to La Peña Cultural Center Satur-18 p.m. for a single performance of *Dark Fruit*, a show built leaf fest orop of stories ripe for the telling." The troupe has taken we to England, Scotland and across the United States. Tickets are the door. La Peña Cultural Center is at 3105 Shattuck Ave., 18, Call 849-2568 for more information.



More events



Lady Politic Would-Be (Sharon Lockwood) makes up to Volpone (John O'Keefe) in the Berkeley Rep production.

# 'Volpone' played for leers and laughs

■ Moralizing takes a back seat to sideshow antics in Rep production. By Phyllis Lyon

Starting off the New Year with a bang, the Berkeley Repertory Theater plays rare Ben Johnson's 1606 hit Volpone as a raucous carnival sideshow. It parades across their Addison Street stage through March 5 through March 5.

### Stage

The company and Joan Holden, who adapted the work for the Rep, have read Volpone right.

The straight-faced satire of egregious greed and senile lust, with a little last-minute moralizing thrown in, is the hypocritical excuse. Wink-and-nudge whoopla is the reason.

is the reason.

Sporting (when they have their outlandish clothes on) a lush variety of codpieces any penis afficionado can envy, Rep actors caper and mince, pirouette and sing in the center ring as mooning eunuch, hermaphrodite flasher, painted dwarf, dancing snake and other human and animal phenomena.

As for the play part, the groveling objects of Jonson's bludgeon wit are members of the then-rising merchant class in England with an alleged contemporary connection to Boesky, Milken, Keating and their ilk.

The scene, more or less, is a Venice collapsing into the canals, and, to make sure the point is sharp enough, Jonson gives his characters the names of Italian camivores.

characters the names of Italian camivores.
Volpone (fox), an aging lecher, feigns moribundity the better to dupe three fellow greedy-guts on the Rialto into believing each is the one heir to the amassed Volpone gold. Voltore (vulture), Corbaccio (crow) and Corvino (raven) bring rich gifts, cluck over the deathbed and generally suck up only to be sucked in by Mosca (fly), Volpone's scheming servant.

How low will these pillars of the community sink for bucks? Voltore, the lawyer, eagerly per-jures himself in court; Corbaccio, Jutes miniselt in court; Coroaccio, a deaf old gentleman, disinherits his beloved son; businessman Corvino pushes his young wife into Volpone's bed. That's how

Though exposing himself as youthfully wrinkle-free, John

O'Keefe creates a funny sly old fox, slobbering and groaning in pseudo-pain, nastily chortling in health. Geoff Hoyle buzzes in the window as his crafty cohort, the

Julian Lopez-Morillas, in Dracula drag, as the lawyer and Irving Israel as the befuddled old Corbaccio turn in the two roundly comic performances in a play that otherwise leans heavily on deaf jokes, chamberpot jokes and nudie didos for laughs.

Charles Dean and Sharon Lockwood caricature the gentry as Sir Politic Would-Be and his Madonna-breasted madame, and Jarion Moore wins the Funniest Codpiece prize as Corvino.

In the thankless roles of virtue mocked, pummeled and humiliat-Julian Lopez-Morillas, in

In the thankless roles of virtue mocked, pummeled and humiliated without let or hindrance are Hector Correa as Bonario, the rejected heir, and Susan Patterson as the young wife.

Jonson, a Shakespeare pal destined to live out literary eternity in the great one's shadow, tried out several occupations in his checkered career — bricklayer, soldier, actor, Roman Catholic, playwright, poet.

The dramatic form he stuck with, the one, not coincidentally,

with, the one, not coincidentally, favored by the king, was the

masque.
The best of the Rep's Volpone is the spectacle — dance, music, lavish costumes, inventive scenery, sight gags, antics, tableaux, some drama — in short, a masque. The play is not the thing. Probably right up Jonson's alley.

It is a little-known fact that prescience is near the top of the play reviewer's resume as an lure to employment. When I walked into the Berkeley Rep's Volpone into the Berkeley Rep's Volpone to assume the position of audience and saw two bare pearly-buttocked gents prancing and wrenching cacophony out of a jungle drum and a fiddle, I had a vision of the future. Before 11 o'clock this night, I divined, someone on that stage is going to throw up.

I was only half right. Egestion as a visual dramatic device is employed not once but twice, and while it makes the unskillful laugh, suggests a dangerous critical option to the rest of us.

The Rep's roistering version of the mean-spirited Volpone occasionally pokes the odd funny bone, but half-way through I was poking the off button on a phantom repute.

# **OEB Symphony displays** more polish than passion

Cindy Cox's new piece gained cautious audience approval.

By Rocky Leplin

With a selective use of instrumental timbres, a small pool of rhythms and "a hierarchy of two or three pitches that give the piece a sound world of its own," Cindy Cox created an evocative web of orchestral effects in her tone poem, A Tree Deep Rooted, Yet Dancing. It was premiered Jan. 23 by the Oakland East Bay Symphony, Michael Morgan conducting.

The recipient of several distinguished honors, Cox directs the Berkeley Contemporary Chamber Players at UC-Berkeley. A recent national first prize awarded her a commission to compose an orchestral piece for the Women's Philharmonic, which will be premiered May 8 in Zellerbach Hall.

In a forum before the Jan. 23 concert, Cox was forthcoming about her compositional motives and techniques. She said the piece "marked a different direction in my work ... a reaction to what's gone on in music in the 1950s and '60s, when it got very dissonant

gone on in music in the 1990s and '60s, when it got very dissonant and very difficult."

This time she "wanted to convey something very intimate and transparent," and referred to Debussy as her model for transparency. Unfortunately, this reference nailed down the one musical element that seemed to be missed. element that seemed to be miss ing from her work.

A Tree's first movement was A Tree's first movement was inspired by the poem "Sunstone" by Octavio Paz: "a crystal willow, a poplar of water/ a tall fountain the wind arches over/ a tree deeprooted yet dancing still/ a course of a river that turns.../ doubles of a fiver that turns.../ doubles back.../ forever arriving." Two dreamy opening chords in the strings percolated through the first movement in altered reiterations, suggesting the returning

Between shimmering strings were stepwise brass glissandi, oscillations of the clarinet and oscillations of the clarinet and marimba, notes plucked on the harp. Marked "Andante, warm, languorous," the music suggested a swaying willow, though the "spring storms" of Cox's Indiana memories never kicked up.

The "Adagio fracilla hittes."

The "Adagio, fragile, bitter," was based on another poetic image, as well as the "glistening" of Rocky Mountain aspens.

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A ballet Billy the Kid

Joral Schmalle is Billy the Kid in Oakland Ballet's recreation of Eugene Loring's ballet to Aaron Copland's luminous score. It plays Feb. 12, 13 and 14 at the Paramount, with Willem Christensen's 'Nothin' Doin' Bar' to music of Milhaud, and Betsy Erickson's 'Sfumato.' Vickets are \$6 to \$30; call 465-6400.

### Events This Week - continued

### Bay Wolf chef lectures at MusicSources

MusicSource's culinary series continues with a lecture by Michael Wild, chef (and co-founder) of the Bay Wolf Restaurant. Wild will tell how he applies the concept of improvisation to cuisine; he'll be joined by chef Nathan Peterson. Samples of food and music follow the lecture. The event is at 5 p.m. Sunday at MusicSources, 1000 The Alameda, Berkeley. Tickets are \$15; \$12 for seniors and students. For reservations, call 528-1685.

### Kronos Quartet at Kimball's East

The Kronos Quartet, chamber music's leading exponent of the new and radical, performs Wednesday through Sunday this week at Kimball's East. The program changes each night, but the works scheduled include area premieres of John Zorn's Memento Mori, Justinian Tamusuza's Twadaagana Ku Lw'Omwana (We Sought for a Child) and Steve Mackey's Physical Property featuring the composer on the electric guitar. Performances Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday are at 8 p.m. and 10 p.m. (admission \$15). On Friday and Saturday, they're at 9 p.m. and 11 p.m. (\$18). Call 658-2555 (Kimball's) or 762-BASS (BASS/Ticketmaster) for tickets. Kimball's East is at the Emery Bay Public Market in Emeryville.

### Salsa benefit party for **Bay Area Dance series**

The Bay Area Dance Series, whose programs run every weekend through April, holds a benefit dance party 8 p.m. Saturday on the stage of the Lancy College Theater (Ninth and Fallon, across from the Oakland Museum). The salsa band Los Kimbos 90s provides the music. Tickets are \$20 a piece or \$30 per couple. Call 889-9500 for reservations or reservations or more information

### **Musical marionettes**

Ranka, the Swedish puppeteer, brings her musical marionette show to the Julia Morgan Theater at 11 a.m. Sunday. Aimed mainly at kids (and part of the Kidshows Performing Arts Series) but appropriate for adults too, "Ranka's Revue" features marionettes ranging from Mozart to Elvis, plus ballet dancers, skateboarders and soul singers. The program features music and comedy throughout. Tickets are \$6. Call 841-0211 for more information. The theater is at 2640 College Ave., Berke-

### Amy Hill is 'Tokyo Bound'

Amy Hill performs her own Amy HIII pertorns ner own sketches in the one-woman show Tokyo Bound, concerning a Japanese-Finnish-American woman who journeys to her mother's homeland. The characters include an obsessive elevator attendant, a bitter talk-show host and an oblivious pop singer.

vator attendant, a bitter talk-show host and an oblivious pop singer.

The show plays at the Julia Morgan Theater (2640 College Ave., Berkeley) Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 7 p.m. this weekend and next weekend. Tickets are \$12; \$10 for seniors; \$8 for students. Call 84-JULIA for reservations.

### Visiting actress on the women of Ibsen

One of Norway's leading Ibsen actresses, Juni Dahr, will perform her one-woman review of female characters in Ibsen plays, Ibsen Women (Put an Eagle in a Cage...). The performances, sponsored by Berkeley Rep, the UC drama department and the Norwegian consulate, are Wednesday, Thursday and Friday Theatre (behind Dwinelle Hall on the UC-Berkeley campus). Tickets are \$10 (free to UC students). Call 845-4700 for more information.

Leonard Baskin's 1922 watercolor 'Joseph' is one of the works on display at the Judah L. Magnes Museum as part of its 30th anniversary exhibition. The show, which features both fine and ceremonial Jewish art, closes this Sunday. The museum is at 2911 Russell St., Berkeley. Phone: 549-6950.

### Art series begins at Crowden School

Piero Mancini begins a 10-week series of lectures on "The Birth of a New Myth: An Introduction to Modern Art" next Tuesday at the Crowden School, 2401 Le Conte Ave., Berkeley. The lectures cover the major schools of late 19th-century and early 20th-century art (the first three lectures, for example, are "Impressionism and Modern Life," "The Symbolism of Color: Van Gogh and Gauguin" and "Cezanne's Rediscovery of Form"). The series costs \$140 and runs Tuesdays from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. through April 6. Call 644-2299 for reservations.

### Berkeley Symphony's benefit Wine & Food Tasting this Sunday

Narsai David hosts the sixth annual Wine & Food Tasting, a benefit Narsai David hosts the sixth annual Wine & Food Tasting, a benefit for the Berkeley Symphony. It takes place Sunday from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Berkeley Marina Marriott. Twenty-four restaurants and caterers and 24 wineries and other beverage providers are supplying the tasty items. Tickets are \$35 in advance, or \$40 at the door. Your ticket also gives you a chance on two wine cellars and two round-trip tickets to Santa Fe, plus many dinners at local restaurants. To reserve a ticket, call 841-2800 and charge by phone. Members of the Berkeley Symphony will perform chamber music throughout the afternoon.

### Medieval music in Albany

Soprano Anne Azema, well known in the field of early music, joins harpist Cheryl Ann Fulton in a benefit this Sunday for the San Francisco Early Music Society's Medieval Workshop. The two will sing medieval French secular and Marian songs of the trouveres. Also on the program are Medieval Workshop faculty members Lauren Pomerantz (voice), Peter Maund (percussion) and Kit Higginson (recorders and psaltery) in performances of Sephardic songs. The concert is at 7:30 p.m. Sunday at St. Alban's Episcopal Church, 1501 Washington Ave., Albany. Suggested donation is \$10. Call Cheryl Fulton at 601-8383 for more information.

### Two-piano concert at the Maybeck

Cuban-born pianist Antonio Iturrioz plays works by Schumann, Granados, Scriabin, Blumenfeld, Brahms and Julian White this Sunday at 4 p.m. at the Maybeck Recital Hall, 1537 Euclid Ave., Berkeley, Iturioz will be joined by Julian White in Schumann's two-piano work Adante and Variations. Cynthia Bialik-Radford will sings songs by Chopin, Schubert and Ravel. Tickets are \$15. Call 848-3228 for reser-

### Mozart and Chopin sonatas at Cal

Pianist Bill John Newbrough will perform Mozart's Sonata in F Major and Chopin's Sonata in B-flat Miror Wednesday at 12:15 p.m. at Hertz Hall on the UC campus. Admission is free.

# Branagh's 'Big Chill' for the 1980

■ The actors are oldfashioned in the way they work as a team

By Basil De Pinto

If hindsight is 20/20, Kenneth Branagh has achieved pretty good vision with his review of the terrible '80s, Peter's Friends. This gathering of six survivors from the decade which has already been pilloried as the worst years of our lives could be crificized as a remake of The Big Chill

### Movies

To which I would say, so what? That was a tale for the times, and this one does the same job without being unduly repetitive. In the telling of it we are reminded of some important lessons we should have learned, set in a framework which is realistic towling and often year. istic, touching and often very

funny.

In fact it must be admitted that the performances are the big thing in this movie; plot is minimal, really an excuse on which to hang a series of vignettes about some lively, imaginative people and their interaction over a New Year's weekend.

The main character, Peter The main character, Peter (Stephen Fry) is a slightly confused but finally lovable guy whose father has recently died and left him a shamefully big house in the country, the locale of the weekend and its adventures. Peter is a catalyst, gathering the clan, soothing hurts, offering good cheer to all.

good cheer to all.

There are two married couples, Roger and Mary (Hugh Laurie and Imelda Staunton), who have left their baby with a sitter but have carried their anxiety about the fact along with them; and Andrew (Branagh) and his American wife, Carol (Rita Rudner), both of them Hollywoodized to the nth degree.

Sarah (Alphonsia Emmanuel)

Sarah (Alphonsia Emmanuel) has brought along her boyfriend, Brian (Tony Slattery), and the weekend is the battle ground on weekend is the battle ground on which their stormy relationship is played out. Maggie (Emma Thompson) is the emotionally frail waif of the group, dressed in dowdy clothes, relentlessly seek-ing a partner and inevitably left flat.

As the weekend progresses,

no persistent breeze to bend it back, a tree can't reveal the depths of its roots.

The cautious applause that greeted the piece confirmed the impression, although three musicians from Cole Elementary School (one of 14 schools visited by Maestro Morgan in the last three months of 1992) were unfazed. All three gave A Tree a thumbs-up.

thumbs-up.

Toward the end of his life, Toward the end of his life, Mozart insinuated passion into his own works, including the "Prague" Symphony, No. 38 in D major (K. 504). The depths of this masterpiece, when not ensconced behind deceptive simplicity, became outspoken finally after a lifetime of elegant restraint. But this flawless perfor-

other words.

This is especially evident in the opening and closing segments, which serve as a well-constructed frame for the piece. At the start, the friends are putting on a college days drag show which is marked more by effort than by talent. One gets a big charge out of watching clever performers impersonate a bunch



Andrew (Kenneth Branagh), Maggie (Emma Thompson) and Peter (Stephen Fry) grainted at a New Year's reunion at Peter's country house in 'Peter's Friends.' back to another era of acting in which the outcome of the whole is uppermost in the minds of all the participants, a team effort, in other words.

## Berkeley Opera reviving runaway success from

The Berkeley Opera revives
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Presignation, meets the Lord of Shadow and gains the wisdom.

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neglected—unjustly, ao Berkeley Opera. Ernest Knell con

Ernest Knell contenting and chorus, joine Sacred and Profane (Chorus. Soloists includ Leach, Virginia Pluth, Walker, Julianne Booth Goodman, Paul Taternia

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number of ways.

But finally it is friendship itself which is on trial and which comes through in its best and most winning way. Avoiding cliche the script manages to paint a picture of a group of people bound together by an enduring affection, enduring, that is, some of the goofiest actions and attitudes of these driven, drifting remnants of the Reagan-Thatcher era.

Stephen Fry's Peter has a few of the quirks of his Jeeves charac-ter in the TV series on PBS, but it is still a new and fresh creation.

Peter has a gentle, almost mother-hen air about him, at once vulner-able and take charge. His organiz-ing abilities are certainly needed for this care-ridden brood.

All the actors present credible images, and Branagh has melded them together in an ensemble effort which is all too rare in a

business that caters to the star

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Fraught with terse harmonies and Fraught with terse harmonies and peppered by recurring rhythms that played sections off against each other, this movement produced carefully dispensed agitation. The prevailing aura was one of enigma and restless energy that never resolved. In light of this I was struck by the irony of the final trumpet call, reminiscent of the haunting refrain in Ives' The Unanswered Question.

The "transparent" Debussy

Unanswered Question.

The "transparent" Debussy always is able to stir profoundly. By avoiding the musical element that enables one to sing any Debussy orchestral piece from start to finish — melody — Cox foreclosed passion. However ingenious the orchestration, with

mance was restrained by Morgan.

Because of his transparency,
Mozart is one of the hardest composers to play. However, woodwind sonorities were supple and
pure, and the strings swept along
effortlessly.

The dramatic third movement was suitably fast, churning out a stream of inspired harmonies. These were the first reverberations of Romanticism. Here Mozart cut loose, but despite Morgan's total involvement, he held the emotion in check.

Acoustics played a part in this.

Acoustics played a part in this.

Cox believes the Calvin Simmons

Hall muffled some of her sonorities, and that the orchestra, given its brief rehearsal time, may have muffled others.

Mahler's Fourth Symphony is regarded as his most accessible. This piece reflects a child's buoyant and inquisitive vision of the world. The prevailing mood is cheer, but there are many contrasts. In the first movement, the

symphony played up the but was insufficiently to the moments of menace not quite soar to its with the moments of the soar to its with t

The tuning of the a ter's violin a whole step second hardly live Mahler's intention to orchestral backdrop.

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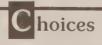
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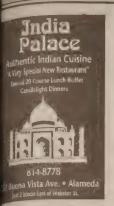
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By John McNulty

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friends, family and — in the Chinese restaurants — the customers, are common during this period. Word of Mouthfindscustomers in Chinese restaurants greeted especially well during the time of New Year celebrations.

A WoM favorite is Shaung Tung Restaurant (917 San Pablo Ave., near Solano Ave., Albany; 526-4374). Whether you order Hunan Lamb or a peppery plate of Szechuan Beef or Chicken, the friendly and comfortable restaurant is agood choice. Currently a dinner discount makes their prices even more of a "find."

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# ounty home sales take a big jump in fourth quarter

was decidedly upbeat residential real estate sec-e local, state, and national tweek.

family home sales in le family home sales in da County jumped 15.3 in the fourth quarter of last compared to the same period 1, a California real estate in-tion service reported last

ontra Costa County, the in-was a healthy 19.2 percent e during the same period, last week, the California alion of Realtors said home

optimism.

From October to December in Alameda County last year, there were 2,772 sales. During the same time in 1991, there were 2,405. In

time in 1991, there were 2,405. In Contra Costa County, sales jumped from 1,895 during the fourth quarter of '91 to 2,258 in the final period of '92.

The median home price in Alameda County dropped 1.6 percent during the same time periods, from \$210,000 in 1991 to \$207,000 last year. In Contra Costa County, the median price fell off from \$220,000 in '91 to \$217,000 in '92, a 1.2 percent dip.

Karevoll said the median price-slippage is indicative of overall softness in the real estate sector and down-to-earth pricing, "People are being a little more realistic about how they're pricing homes," he said.

homes," he said.

Sales were up in every Bay
Area county except Marin, which
had a small drop.

"Consumer confidence was rising during the latter part of the
year," said Avram Goldman, senior vice president and regional
manager with Coldwell Banker.

'More consumers feel positive and ... have moved off the sideline to take advantage of opportune homebuying conditions'

Goldman said home inventory levels are good right now, and predicted brisk sales this spring.

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Karevoll said the continued low interest rates and good prices have drawn more buyers into the market.

Walt McDonald, C.A.R. president, credited the election of Bill Clinton with elevating the confidence level of most consumers. "More consumers feel positive about their economic situation and have moved off the sideline to take

advantage of opportune homebuy-ing conditions," he said. There was more good news on the national level. The National

pared to a year ago, N.A.R. said

"Buyers are out in force," said J.A.R. president William Chee. 'They're making up for lost

Attractive mortgage rates continue to make home ownership very affordable.

# conomists predict local upswing

ells Fargo economist th Wahed said in San cisco last Friday that signs mic improvement are in the local housing

and economy.

alifornia is still in a recestill the rest of the counstill growing," said
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He said the Bay Area should start seeing a turnaround next year, although there will be

The recovery's slow rate will keep inflation down, says Paul Erdman

some improvement in 1993.

According to Wahed, there will be some moderate gains in the state's housing industry in 1993 with prospects looking even better the next year. New single-family, home construcsingle-family home construc-tion is expected to improve this year in contrast to last year's

Wahed said more of the See HOUSING, next page

# Federal legislation may give tax break to first-time home buyers

By Stephen C. Schwarz

A tax bill vetoed last year by former President Bush, HR 11, contained a credit for the first time

income tax credit equal to 10 per-cent of the purchase price, with a maximum credit of \$2,500. Thus, a home purchased for a price in excess of \$25,000, which in Cali-fornia is almost a certainty, would result in the allowance of the full

One half of the credit would be available to offset income tax in the year of purchase and the other half would be available in the sub-

sequent year. The principal residence would have to be retained for three years or the credit would be recaptured, unless the disposition occurred as a result of death

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## Housing...

Continued from previous page housing growth will occur in less expensive homes in the Bay Area, He said in the Bay Area, Napa, Solano and Sonoma counties are having growth in jobs and population, while in the more urbanized counties such as San Mateo and Santa Clara show little growth. International economist and author Paul Erdman also presented some upbeat news about the economy. "There is no doubt in my mind that the



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Beautiful Carl Warnecke English Tudor. Exquisitely maintained, handsome detailing.
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Syl 19,000

New listing! Beautiful Classic Colonial. Large eat-in country kitchen, spacious formal rooms, 4 family bedrooms, master suite, bonus room over garage.
119 MONTE AVENUE: JEAN SIMMONS

Reduced! \$759,000

Top location! Traditional on level street. 4/45, 2nd full kitchen, rumpus room.
261 SANDRINGHAM ROAD ANGELA WEI GRUBB Reduced! \$649,000

Handsome Monterey Colonial. 4+ BR, new kitchen/family room. Spacious master BR.

1512 GRAND AVENUE: SUSAN VEIT

\$285,000

Charming starter. Presty Traditional, plank hardwood floors. 2BR/2BA, and plus room.

OAKLAND BY APPOINTMENT

20 CASTLE LANE: MARION SCHWARTZ
Dramatic Contemporary. Solarium entry: Incredible views. Huge, private mass 1693 WOODHAVEN WAY: ELIZABETH DICKSON Storybook Cape Cod in garden setting. 3 BRZ BA, master suite, deck & spa. 850 NORTHVALE ROAD: ANGELA WEI GRUBB Beautiful Crocker Highlands family home. 4/2, spacious landscaped yard. 38 KINGWOOD ROAD: ANGELA WEI GRUBB
Oaklland Hills family home. 3/2+ w/Bay view and hot tub. Beautiful landscapin

OAKLAND NEW CONSTRUCTION

32 NORTH HILL COURT: JOHN KARNAY

Spectacular view! 4,000 sq. ft. Traditional. Gracious entertainment rooms.

13746 CAMPUS DRIVE: JOHN KARNAY

New Ridgement Mediterranean on nearly one acre. 4+/3.5, master suite, gourmet kit.

336 MOUNTAIN BOULEVARD: JOHN KARNAY

Traditional-style 3 BR/2.5 BA, family room, level yard, partial Bay view.

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Sharp 3 BR/2 BA home on a level lot. Bast schools, easy commute access.

6114 PINEWOOD ROAD: JOHN KARNAY

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Beautiful 1,595 sq. ft. Hiller Highlands lot. Southwest view.

108 SHERIDAN ROAD: DARRAN ROSS

Contle downslope with level building site. Upper Rockridge. Gentle downslope with level building site.

112 SHERIDAN ROAD: DARRAN ROSS
Gently downsloping topagraphy. Sunny, open vistas. Approx. dimensions 50 x 111.
7167 SKYLINE BOULEVARD: JOHN KARNAY
8,000 sq. ft. downslope. Big canyon & partial Bay view, Solls & survey,
7018 NORFOLK ROAD: JOHN KARNAY
\$75,000

7018 NORFOLK ROAD: JOHN KARNAY
4,100 sq. ft. dwnsip. Current survey, topographic map & soils report. Cc
1981 TUNNEL ROAD: JOHN KARNAY
7,900 sq. ft. downslope off a private road. Building permits. Selier may ca

BERKELEY BY APPOINTMENT

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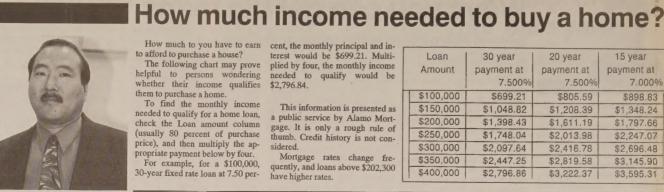
# Realtor Profile

ie: Sales manager, Nakamura lty, Inc., Berkeley.

ally: Single, 22-year old

ner: Specializes in sales of re-initial and income properties in dand, Berkeley, Albany, El rilo and East Bay.

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How much to you have to earn to afford to purchase a house?

The following chart may prove helpful to persons wondering whether their income qualifies them to purchase a home.

To find the monthly income needed to qualify for a home loan, check the Loan amount column (usually 80 percent of purchase price), and then multiply the appropriate payment below by four.

For example, for a \$100,000, 30-year fixed rate loan at 7.50 per-

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	Loan	30 year	20 year	15 year
	Amount	payment at	payment at	payment at
		7.500%	7.500%	7.000%
I	\$100,000	\$699.21	\$805.59	\$898.83
	\$150,000	\$1,048.82	\$1,208.39	\$1,348.24
	\$200,000	\$1,398.43	\$1,611.19	\$1,797.66
	\$250,000	\$1,748.04	\$2,013.98	\$2,247.07
	\$300,000	\$2,097.64	\$2,416.78	\$2,696.48
	\$350,000	\$2,447.25	\$2,819.58	\$3,145.90
	\$400,000	\$2,796.86	\$3,222.37	\$3,595.31



BRIAN GARDNER

# Q & A on various water problems

Q: If I notice soil erosion on my property from run-off water, it would seem that a retaining wall would be needed. But putting in a retaining wall at this time of year isn't advisable or possible, or is it?

A: A retainer wall can be put in at any time of year. The only requirement is that there be at least one day of dry weather to allow the cement to set up. If erosion is occurring, one must consider putting in a drainage system. This would be especially important behind the retainer wall.

Q: Is water standing over concrete a danger to my home? There are no visible cracks in the concrete.

A: No. The only danger would be if the water could seep in and start dry rot or damage whatever is underneath. Water makes concrete slippery. If there are areas where water collects on your patio or steps, remove it to avoid injury.

Q: What steps should be taken to protect outside wooden structures, such as patios and decks, during the rainy season?

A: Use a proper and quality wood sealant. Your contractor can advise you which ones work well or check at your local hardware store.

Q: If I need to have concrete work done during the rainy season, do I have to wait until drier weather or can it be done using some special method?

A: Concrete needs only one day to cure. Actually rain water aids the curing process. The result would be stronger concrete than if it's poured when the weather is dry and hot.

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3187 CAMPUS DRIVE - Ridgemont custom home uniquely designed with San Francisco, bay view Many unusual architectural features. Beautiful wood and tile details, Just listed. Many unusual architect HERRY BENNINGER.

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A ASCOT PLACE - Piedmont Pines - Just listed. All level ranch style on cul-de-sac. Three plus bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths. Large family room with fireplace, beamed ceilings. DIAN HYMER......

55 HERITAGE - Sequoyah Height town house. One of the best models - all on one level, pride of ownership throughout. Three bedroom, 2 bath. JUST LISTED. LINDA VAN DRENT......\$224,900

216 ESTATES DRIVE - Custom built level 2-story on private cul-de-sac. Four bedroom, 3 bath, family som with barbecue. Two fireplaces, one in living room, one in rumpus room. Bay view. Light, bright, and private. Level setting. JUDY RANKANKAN......\$529,500

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13762 CAMPUS DRIVE - Elegant Ridgemont Home. Fabulous level lot with sweeping bay and taryon views. Lush landscaped grounds. SHERRY BENNINGER......

21 UNDERHILLS ROAD - Crocker Highlands. Immaculate ranch style 4 bedroom, 2 bath with formal fining. One bedroom and rumpus downstairs. Level - in convenient location. DIAN HYMER.....

332 EVERETT - Glenview at its best! Wonderful 4 bedroom, 2 bath home with loads of wood stalling. Remodeled eat-in kitchen and terrific back yard. TERRY KULKA.....

100 - 60TH STREET - Rockridge bungalow. Tastefully remodeled. Updated kitchen with eat-in area. Formal drift with French windows. One block to College Ave. Ready to move-in. DAVE MENDELSON.......\$239,500

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CERHIGHLANDS............\$679,000
Onstruction, just listed. Great style and old world
throughout. Four bedrooms, 3 baths. Master
with fireplace. EVELYN WALKER

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If using standard guidelines doesn't get you a large enough loan, there are ways to increase the amount that you can borrow. If the lender based your qualification on a fixed rate loan, you may want to look at an adjustable rate loan.

Today, borrowers are generally qualified for (Adjustable Rate Mortgage) ARM loans at 2 percent over the start rate, or a minimum of 7 percent. This should increase your borrowing power a little.

There are still a few ARM loans which qualify you at the start rate. This will be a lower interest rate and a lower payment; thereby you qualify for a higher loan amount.

An alternative loan would be a buydown, which qualifies you at

# Ways you can get big loans

### Several alternatives to the usual guidelines

the first year's interest rate (start rate). A buydown loan is one where you receive a lower-than-market interest rate for either the entire term of the mortgage or for a set period at the beginning. This is made possible by the payment of an upfront fee to the lender.

Still another alternative would be a loan which is fixed for three, five or seven years. The payments are still amortized over a 30-year term, but there is a limited fixed portion. There may be a balloon payment after that portion, or be extendable under certain conditions, or readjust for the remaining term.

Be sure to read the disclosures before signing your documents. These loans are especially attractive of you only plan to stay in your property for three, five or you can afford to spend more on your possible to the future (like a physician just entering practice.); the fact that your income is high and therefore you can afford to spend more on housing; Excellent credit, which enables you to know how much

you can spend and still keep your credit good.

Finally, if you have consistently made large mortgage payments (or rental payments) in the past and know that you can continue to do so in the future.

so in the future.

If the above does not help you, often there are loans by private investors that are arranged by mortgage brokers for people who don't qualify under regular ratio guidelines. These loans carry a higher interest rate and you will have to pay more points. Under some circumstances, that may be your only choice.

choice.

The one aspect of the larger loan that we have not talked about is value. An appraisal is merely an estimate of value. If the appraisal comes in too low, or, on an appraisal review, the lender reduces the value, you may not get the loan amount you need.

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wandows. hdwd firs, oversixed lot w/fruit trees, 3 car gar. Kate Phillips 533-6

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extent, through archi-for those who want to - from nwanted noise — from neighbors, children or soundproof room is a cialist who designs theaters and other sound-sensitive spaces, says the cost of building a soundproof room is at least \$30 a square foot and can range as high as \$150 a square foot if heavy materials and reinforcing of the original structure are involved.

"You are building an airtight room within a room," he said. Sound needs air in order to travel. So a soundproof room, which has a raised floor, a dropped ceiling



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double walls and a sealed door, must be airtight. Between the inner and outer structures there should be as much trapped or "dead" air space as possible.

A familiar relative of the soundproof room is the double-paned window, which insulates against outside noise because there's an air cavity between the

"A sound wave is a force," said Gerald Marshall, an accoustic consultant. "The way you stop an irresistible force is with an immovable object. In typical residential buildings, you have problems supporting massive construction. So there are types of lighter-weight, multi-layered construction, where the new walls, floor and ceiling are either not connected to the original ones, or connected by something resilient, like vibration isolators."

When sound strikes a wall, which is connected to both the floor and the ceiling, all the surfaces vibrate. By separating the new enclosure from the old, there is less chance of sound trans-

mission.
"You will want at least an inch and a half of separation between the layers," Marshall said. There are standard ways to de-

There are standard ways to design the elements of a soundproof room — floor, ceiling, walls, door and air conditioning. The new floor, which is designed to "float" above the original one, can be supported by vibration insulators, which can be made of several resilient materials, including neoverse tubber pads laid out.

swards, which can be made of several resilient materials, including neoprene rubber pads laid out in a grid.

"The softer and squishier the rubber, the more effective it will be," said Kahn.

The space between the two floors can also be layered with a compressed fiberglass insulation board.

Only after the new floor is ready can the new walls be constructed.

Then there is the door, "The heavier the door the better, and the door must have a seal to take care of any leaks," Marshall said.

Since the airtight soundproof room is suffly, there has to be air conditioning.

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If you want to use a landscape architect or private design firm but can't afford the full treatment, ask if a designer will give your yard a "walkthrough." For \$150 to \$300, you can often get a one-to-three hour consultation with perhaps a sketch thrown in.

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chor'' plantings. You can fill in the rest as time and money permit.

Landscape architects, who in most states have to be licensed, and landscape designers, who do not, might be equally qualified to design a home landscape. Lands, cape architects most often work with large commercial degrae signs/building firms; landscape designs often work through nurserations of the work of

• Ask neighbors and friends for referrals. In addition to getting names of well-known but often names of well-known but often busy designers, you might find a qualified designer who is just starting out and is eager to work. You can also check the classified ads of

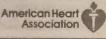
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20 Oak Ridge Bebe McRae, Mason-McD	Claremont Juffie 845-0200	4+bd/41/2ba, Pool
1 Brookside Ave. Nahid Nassiri, Better Hom	Fr. Provincial es 339-4000	3+bd,41/sba
1910 San Antonio Orubb & Ellis 339-8666	New Construction	3bd/21/2ba
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316 Howard Jay Bhimani, Wells & Benn	Master Suite ett 482-0860	3+bd/2ba Fam.Hm
125 Ronada Ave. Teri Carlisle, Pacific Union	Piedmont 339-6460	3bd/2ba
67 Prospect Rd. Martha Holstlaw, Pacific Ur		3bd/1ba
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